

"The Public be Damned" Is the Attitude of the Shipowners

"PUBLIC OPINION," as interpreted in the editorial offices of the capitalist press, is demanding of BOTH SIDES that they end the strike. So far all the newspaper concoctions about public opinion are coming from business men and employers, and politicians who are the mouthpiece of the shipowners.

There is not ONE SINGLE LABOR ORGANIZATION that has spoken for the ending of the strike UNLESS THE BASIC RIGHTS OF THE MARITIME UNIONS ARE GUARANTEED. And "public opinion" is a myth if it leaves out Organized Labor which speaks for the working class who represent the majority of

the population.

Even with the "public opinion" of the churches, the employers have not had much luck. After an investigation of the maritime situation, the Social Service Commission of the San Francisco Church Federation, in co-operation with the San Francisco Council of Jews and Christians issued a report ENDORSING THE BASIC DEMANDS OF THE UNIONS.

And if we can believe the San Francisco News, it seems that many San Francisco business men know that the responsibility for the strike is on the Big Four die-hards who are preventing a set-

tlement that all other shipping lines are anxious to reach. This in spite of the fact that "before the strike hundreds of meetings were held to make certain business men generally would be behind the shipowners' program."

The unions have shown by their willingness to handle "perishable cargo" that they are anxious to avoid any undue hardships or inconveniences that the strike may cause. But the winning of their basic demands is just as important to the rest of the labor movement as it is to the maritime unions, and the working class, the trade unions, and the public at large have shown in unmis-

takeable manner that their sympathies and active support is on the side of the maritime unions.

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A NEUTRAL PUBLIC; either you are on the side of Labor, or you are on the side of the employers and the open-shop Industrial Association.

If the Shipping Merchants Association is really sincere in its desire to end the strike, let them put the blame where it belongs, ON THE "BIG FOUR" SHIPOWNERS.

Let them demand of the Federal Government to "Stop the Ship Subsidies," and the strike could be settled in 24 hours.

Santa Barbara: Workers' Press Bazaar will be held Dec. 4-5th at Workers' Center, 208 W. Canon Perdido. Dec. 4, Variety sale, entertainment. Look for window display Dec. 5, starting at noon. Supper served 6 p. m. Dancing, games, fish pond, good speaker. Benefit Western and Daily Worker 1937 Drive.

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FRENCH DOCKERS STRIKE TO AID U.S. SEAMEN

SPAIN MILITIA IN VICTORIES IN CATALONIA

Expose Fascist Base As Govt. Closes Nazi Embassy

MADRID—While workers' militia engaged in driving Fascist detachments out of a corner of the University City area here, government defenders scored important advances on fronts outside the capital.

The Catalonia War Ministry announced capture of Mount Purbell, strongly fortified Fascist position on the Aragon front near Bujaralozcaspe, 36 miles from Zaragoza.

Several trucks and a military train bringing forces from Zaragoza were destroyed. The town of Belchite, containing a Fascist airfield, has also been surrounded by Catalan troops. The town was connected with Zaragoza by rail and was used as a base for Fascist forces.

Government planes raided Palma, Majorca, partly destroying the Fascist air base and principal gasoline depots. At Talavera de la Reina, an independent attacking column of

S.F. Demonstration To Protest Murders By Spain Fascists

SAN FRANCISCO.—In protest against the mass murder of women and children and other non-combatants in Madrid by the Spanish Fascists, the American League Against War and Fascism has organized a mass demonstration here for Saturday, December 5th, 1 p. m., on the Civic Center green. The meeting will also protest against recognition of the Spanish Fascists by Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy.

Fight For Social and Labor Legislation!

(A Call For Action By California State Committee, Communist Party, U.S.A.)

THE STATE LEGISLATURE opens its 1937 session in January. The elections represent a mandate to the Legislators to put into effect the demands of the labor movement and of all the people for progressive social legislation, to increase social security and protect the rights of labor, the civil liberties of people.

This cannot be accomplished by "lobbying" in the old way. It cannot be accomplished by dependence on capitalist politicians, so-called "friends of labor." It cannot depend on the Republican Party and Merriam, or the Democratic Party and McAdoo. It can only be done by the independent political action of the labor and progressive forces of California, by mass pressure.

We call upon trade-unions, Epics, Townsendites and Socialists to join with us in building a powerful people's movement around the demands for social and labor legislation; for the fight against vigilantism; for adequate unemployment and old-age insurance; for the defense of civil liberties and the repeal of anti-labor legislation like the Criminal Syndicalist Law and the anti-picketing ordinances; and for the defeat of the proposed measure to establish a state constabulary which will be used for strike-breaking purposes, as the highway police were used in Salinas.

The progressives who were elected to the Legislature with the support of the labor movement and the Epics, have a great responsibility. They cannot afford to pussyfoot. They must take the lead in an aggressive fight for the needs and demands of the workers and farmers.

The fight for the enactment of these demands into legislation will be strengthened by the building of a Farmer-Labor Party in California, by collaborating with all forces that favor independent political action such as Labor's Non-Partisan League, by a united front of labor and all genuine progressives in the coming local elections next spring.

For real social security legislation!
For the defense of civil liberties and the rights of labor!
Build a Farmer-Labor Party!

Western Worker to Publish Strike Pamphlet Serially

The California State Committee of the Communist Party has ordered 2000 copies of the pamphlet "The Maritime Crisis—What It Is and What It Isn't." The pamphlet is published by the International Longshoremen's Assn., Local 38-79, to acquaint the public with the causes of the maritime strike.

Beginning with the next issue, the WESTERN WORKER will publish the pamphlet serially on the Special Maritime Strike Page. Maritime strikers are urged to write for this page.

ANTI-SOVIET PACT BARED

BERLIN.—Actually a military alliance for a robber war against the Soviet Union, the "anti-Communist pact" between Japan and Germany was admitted by both both the Mikado's foreign office and the Nazis.

The Japanese foreign office claimed the agreement was "not directed against the Soviet Union or any other specific power," but against the Communist International for its "support of Chinese Communist armies in order to fight Japan."

Fascist Italy's adherence to the war pact was believed imminent. The pact included "harsh measures in combatting Communism" and a pledge to exchange "every bit of available information on the activities of the Comintern throughout the world."

3 Plotters Given Clemency MOSCOW.—Commutation of death sentences to 10 years' imprisonment was granted three engineers, including Emil I. Sticking, German citizen, it was announced here.

"It was found possible to reduce the sentences of Sticking, Leonenko and Kovenko to 10 years' imprisonment, but the others were already shot," the official announcement read.

STALIN SPEAKS CONVENTION IN TAMPA REJECTS TO SOVIETS ON CONSTITUTION LABOR PARTY

Congress of Soviets To Adopt Historic Document

MOSCOW—World history was made here last Wednesday when Joseph Stalin, general secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, opened the 8th All-Union Congress of Soviets which is to adopt the new Soviet Constitution, most democratic document in the history of mankind.

"In 10 days we will have a new constitution," said Stalin. "It will be the result of the victories of Socialism and will show that we have freed ourselves from slavery. It will be a document about which millions have dreamed and are still dreaming, in capitalist countries."

Indicts Fascism Speaking on the day when the anti-Soviet agreement between Germany and Japan was announced, Stalin declared:

"This constitutional project is an indictment against Fascism, for it says Socialism and Democracy are inevitable. The international meaning of this constitution cannot be exaggerated in view of the spread of Fascism throughout the world."

"The constitution is a new weapon in the hands of the people in fighting Fascistic barbarism."

Only True Democracy "The constitution will be the only true democratic constitution in the world because it is a workers' constitution."

"As for Germany and her press, when they find the facts do not jibe with their own theories, they simply discard the facts. Our new constitution will come in based on facts, not promises."

Under the new constitution, all men and women citizens over 18 years of age have equal rights universal and direct suffrage, the right to work guaranteed, full social insurance, the right to education, and other social guarantees for the freedom, progress and prosperity of the Soviet people.

The All-Union Congress included 2500 delegates from all over the U.S.S.R., who met in the Kremlin.

Anti-Fascist Meet Called in State

To all trade unions, unemployed organizations, and other progressive groups in the state, calls are going out for the California State Conference Against War and Fascism to be held in San Francisco on Saturday and Sunday, December 12th and 13th.

All organizations desiring to participate are asked to address correspondence to Bert Leech, American League Against War and Fascism, 320 Market St., Rm. 227, S.F., Telephone Douglas 9346. Each organization will be entitled to send two delegates.

The conference will be divided into seven commissions, as follows: church, national minorities, professional, trade union, war and Fascism, women, and youth.

Special arrangements will be made for housing delegates at reasonable rates if reservations are made in advance.

'Nothing's Happened' Since Last Year, Say Reactionaries

TAMPA, Fla. — Reactionaries dominating the 56th annual convention of the A.F.L. forced through rejection of a resolution calling for a Labor Party.

The resolutions committee selected one from among the several Labor Party resolutions submitted, for action by the convention.

The rejection forced by the reactionaries while the American Labor Party in New York, which polled 300,000 votes on Nov. 3, was continuing to perfect its machine. At the same time powerful Farmer-Labor Party forces were calling a national Labor Party conference, to be held in Chicago early in the New Year.

"Nothing Has Happened" The resolutions committee, whose chairman is the ultra-reactionary Matthew Woll and whose secretary is John P. Frey, who wanted the C.I.O. unions expelled, stated that "nothing has happened since the last convention to justify any change" in policy on political action. This was said despite the coming further to the fore of the American Liberty League and other fascist groups, and the increased disregard of civil liberties and workers' rights in the past year.

The executive council's committee of three, headed by George M. Harrison of the Railway Clerks, was reported as planning to meet with C.I.O. representatives, but no mention was made of lifting of the C.I.O. suspension as a basis to negotiations.

Resolutions adopted included: Inclusion of agricultural workers in the Social Security Act; a permanent federal relief program; a \$200,000 appropriation for continuation of the senate investigation of labor spies, and punishment of those who took part in the Tampa floggings last year.

Resolutions were adopted condemning the Standard Oil for the Modesto frameup and demanding vigilantism in California.

Merriam Would Allow Oil Grab

SACRAMENTO.—Despite the overwhelming defeat on Nov. 3 of the proposition which would have handed the state-owned tidelands over to drilling by big oil interests, Governor Merriam plans to ask the Legislature to give the oil companies what they could not get through the ballot.

Merriam stated this week that he is considering proposing that the State mine its big petroleum pools in the tidelands, and secondly, production through leasing to private interests on the basis of contracts negotiated by the State director of finance.

Even if the proposal should give the state larger royalties than the companies have offered, it would amount to a steal, for the profits of the companies would be tremendous. Were the State to operate the pools, considerable funds for unemployed relief could be raised.

IDAHO SALES TAX OUT BOISE, Idaho.—Killed by a state referendum of the people, the two percent sales tax in Idaho was officially ended.

TIE UP U.S. SHIPS AT HAVRE; SHIP OFFICERS BLAST RYAN; PLAN BIG PARADES IN WEST

250 ILA Men In N.Y. Refuse To Walk Through Pickets

BULLETIN.—French longshoremen in all ports are refusing to work American ships. At Marseilles a small American freighter and the Export liner Excambion were boycotted.

NEW YORK—French longshoremen at Havre, members of a powerful union, struck in solidarity with East Coast maritime strikers and refused to work American ships manned by scab crews.

Two of the ships affected at Havre were the big United States Lines vessel George Washington and the freighter Collamar.

The Washington was able to leave New York late last week only with a scab crew furnished by International Seamen's Union officials.

Masters Blast Ryan

Joseph P. Ryan, international I.L.A. president hastened to the defense of the shipowners, with a threat of retaliation against French ships, because of the French longshoremen's solidarity action.

Ryan was accused of direct sabotage of the strike by the Masters, Mates and Pilots' organization, which blasted Ryan for forcing longshoremen to go through picket lines, "in direct violation of every principle of organized labor."

Loading of the American-South African ship Henry F. Grove had to be discontinued when 250 longshoremen in New York refused to go through the seamen's picket line.

The 226 seamen of the United States liner President Roosevelt marched off the ship, led by a seaman carrying an American flag, and joined the strike. Other new ships tied up are the Excalibur and the President Harding.

Stay of Sentence For Modesto Men

SAN RAFAEL.—A motion for a new trial won a stay of sentence for Alphonse Buyle and John Rodgers, two of the nine framed-up Modesto prisoners, as they were about to be sentenced.

The nine Modesto men were arrested last year on a dynamite frameup pushed by Standard Oil, in the tanker strike. Buyle and Rodgers, the last two to be tried, were convicted in 15 minutes by a jury here last week, of "burglary" charges.

Defense Attorney Aaron Sapiro moved for a new trial on grounds that the two had been found guilty on a faulty interpretation of the law. Argument on the motion will take place December 4.

SEEK TO STOP DEPORTATION

WASHINGTON.—Attorneys for Vincent Ferraro, anti-Fascist worker of Oakland, Cal., have requested the U. S. Supreme Court to hear the appeal of Ferraro, threatened with deportation to Italy.

MADRID'S PEOPLE AMONG BRAVEST



WHILE MADRID fights off the Fascist armies' attack, a crowd in front of a government building calmly watches the flight of Fascist bombing planes (supplied by Mussolini and Hitler), which have violated all deencies of humanity in dropping bombs in the midst of men, women and children, killing hundreds.

CELERY STRIKE FORCES SOLID

STOCKTON.—The strike of 2000 American-born, Filipino, Mexican and Negro celery workers continues solid in field and in shed.

The beginning of terror against the strikers has not broken the solidarity of the strikers, led by the young but militant Stockton Agricultural Workers Union.

Police erected a barricade on Terminus Road, six miles from the main strike center. On orders of Sheriff O'Dell, 50 pickets were taken in trucks from the Terminus strike center, taken to the city limits and set free.

Employers were bringing in scabs from the Sacramento, Chowchilla and other areas.

Sixteen arrested pickets come to trial on "malicious mischief" charges next Tuesday.

After bringing celery pickets at Silet on, eleven union men were arrested and held in Sacramento County jail.

Members of the ILA Bargemen's Union are picketing with the strikers and helping turn back celery trucks. Public sympathy is generally with the strikers.

STATE JOBLESS INSURANCE ACT IS CONSTITUTIONAL

SAN FRANCISCO.—The California State Supreme Court has declared the State Unemployment Reserves Act constitutional. By the decision, \$15,000,000 in accumulated pay roll tax collections is released from the office of State Treasurer Johnson, who had impounded the funds. Employers throughout the

Radio Broadcasts, Big Mass Meets, Part of Plan

BULLETIN.—The Mexican Confederation of Workers on Thursday night formally ordered a complete boycott of American ships until the East, Gulf and West Coast maritime strikes end.

Unions on Thursday reached agreement with Col. O. F. Olson, representing the federal government, on ways of sending food and supply ships to Alaska. Union men were to be used, under similar terms to those granted by the Alaska Packers, from whom the ships are being chartered. This gives preferential employment and other demands asked by the unions in the present strike.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Instituting a campaign to take the issues of the maritime strike before the public at large, the Joint Maritime Strike Committee has issued 150,000 copies of a four-page folder entitled "The Maritime Strike."

Maritime workers, taken off picket duty at the docks were distributing the leaflets throughout the Bay Area.

The committee has announced a plan for four radio broadcasts weekly, two of which have already been contracted for with Station KGGG Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:15 p. m.

A mass meeting for the general public is planned for December 8 at the Civic Center.

Tentative plans were being discussed for a huge parade of maritime workers three days prior to the mass meeting.

Picket Matson Building Pickets are being assigned by the strike committee to patrol the Matson Building in San Francisco to center public attention on one of the most obstinate and reactionary of the shipping companies which has

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PLAN U.S. FARM-LABOR CONFAB

CHICAGO.—The two successful independent political parties of the middle west—the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party and the Wisconsin Farmer-Labor Progressive Federation—have plans well under way for a National Farmer-Labor Party conference to be held here early in the coming year.

Both sponsoring organizations are in reality the first, and not the third parties in their states.

Both parties swept their states in the November elections, and most of the leaders favor a national Farmer-Labor Party.

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Pressure Wins Free Speech

KMTR had first approved manuscripts of speeches to be sponsored by the Councils, then canceled the programs on the grounds its attorney, Reed Callister, had advised against it. Callister then issued a statement denying he had ever advised against the programs, saying he

Last Monday the U. S. Supreme Court rendered a similar decision in regard to the New York State Unemployment Insurance Act.

While these acts are inadequate, barring groups like agricultural workers and others, the court decisions at least set a precedent for constitutionality of unemployment insurance.

SAN FRANCISCO AGAIN LEADS COMMUNIST RECRUITING DRIVE BUT L. A. ISSUES CHALLENGE

Turkey Dinner Sunday Evening Will Fete S.F. Achievement of November 7th Quota; Alameda Recruits 12

Again San Francisco shows the way, recruiting new members to bring its total to 305 since September 7th, in the drive to double the membership of the Communist Party by January 21st.

STRIKERS OK BILL AIMED AT VIGILANTISM

Aim Is To Bring It Into Legislature Next Session

SAN FRANCISCO.—The fight to end vigilantism once and for all in California took a big step forward, when the Bay Area strike committee of the International Longshoremen's Assn. adopted the draft of a proposed bill to punish vigilantes.

The bill was formulated by the publicity committee.

Adoption of the draft of the anti-vigilante bill is considered by the Joint Strike Committee of all Bay Area maritime unions as a certainty.

The bill, entitled "An act defining vigilantism and vigilante organizations and membership therein, establishing certain presumptions in connection therewith and providing penalties and punishments therefor," is here-with given in full:

The People of the State of California do enact as follows:

Sec. 1. Declaration of Policy.

Sec. 2. Definitions. (a) Vigilantism is defined as:

(1) The taking or arresting of another person against his will, or

(2) The use of intimidation, threats or unlawful means for the purpose of interfering with the organization of workers into trade unions, or for the purpose of interfering with the activities of trade unions.

(b) A vigilante organization is defined as any two or more persons who shall meet, gather or associate for the purpose of engaging in vigilantism. It is expressly declared that no bona-fide organization of employees, independent of employer control, who are associated for the purpose of bargaining collectively with their employer or employers can under any circumstances be considered a vigilante organization.

(c) The term, member, is defined as any person who knowingly joins, meets with, cooperates with, or gives or lends funds, services or property to such an organization.

Section 3. Unlawful Acts. Penalties. Any person who

(a) Commits any act of vigilantism; or

(b) Is a member of a vigilante organization; or

(c) Organizes or assists in organizing a vigilante organization; or

(d) By spoken or written words or personal conduct incites, provokes, encourages, or causes the commission of vigilantism or the formation of a vigilante organization; or

(e) By spoken or written words or personal conduct excites, justifies, or condones the commission of acts of vigilantism is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than six months or more than one year, or by fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1000, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and no court or judge thereof shall have the power or authority to grant probation or suspend the imposition or execution of sentence in any case where guilt is found or established under this Act.

Sec. 4. Additional Penalties. Any holder of a public office of the State or a political subdivision thereof, convicted under this Act, shall automatically forfeit such office, and shall forever thereafter be ineligible to hold public office.

Sec. 5. Presumptions. (a) Any person or persons who shall take or arrest another person against his will or shall use intimidation, threats or any unlawful means where such acts should reasonably be expected to result in interference with the organization of workers into trade unions, or the activities of trade unions, and such interference does result, is presumed to intend a violation of this Act.

(b) Any person or group of

San Francisco's victory celebration will be held Sunday, November 29th, 6 p. m., at 121 Haight Street, with a turkey dinner priced at 35 cents. It will celebrate the San Francisco comrades' achieving the goal of 250 new members by November 7th.

Los Angeles recruited only 17 last week, but the first issue of their Party Builder states:

"We want to let our San Francisco comrades know that we are NOT down yet. The second half will be a much tougher battle."

Alameda County recruited 12, but reports it is just beginning to hit its stride.

Discuss New Bulletin

The new State Recruiting Bulletin will be out this week—see that your Party unit receives copies for all members to discuss. County drive directors and organizers are urged to forward reports weekly to 121 Haight Street, S. F.

Here are the latest standings:

Section	Recruited
San Francisco	305
Los Angeles	293
Alameda County	84
Bakersfield	20
Monterey	16
Santa Clara	14
San Diego	13
Sacramento	12
Merced	12
San Bernardino	11
Contra Costa County	8
Stockton	5
Santa Barbara	5
San Mateo	5
Sonoma	5
Tulare	4
Eureka	4
Fort Bragg	1
Arizona	1

TOTAL.....818

Bag Strikers Get Labor Council OK

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Executive Committee of the San Francisco Central Labor Council has approved the demands of 300 mill strikers in four bag factories.

The strikers are led by the United Textile Workers Union. Setting up a soup kitchen at Sansome and Vallejo Sts, the strikers, among whom the girls are the most militant, showed their determination to dig in for a long struggle if need be.

Strike demands are: 40-hour week; wage increases approximately 15%; time and a half for overtime, and union recognition.

Alliance Seeks Higher WPA Pay

SAN FRANCISCO.—Representatives of the Workers Alliance, organization of WPA workers, were preparing to meet WPA officials again Friday, to bring about an increase in wages for WPA workers.

The Workers' Alliance calls for a wage increase from 51 cents to 75 cents an hour, basing its proposed scale on the union scale. WPA officials presented scales based on non-union wages.

Workers' Alliance representatives refused to consider such figures.

WHO WILL SUPPORT?

The Western Worker will be supported only by those who interest it serves. This means it needs your help in its annual drive for a year's sustaining fund.

persons who shall

(1) Possess, control, or maintain (with or without a license or permit) any firearms, explosives, poison gas, tear gas, nausea gas, clubs, knives, blackjacks, slingshots, billies, sand-clubs, sandbags, metal knuckles or any other weapons, or shall urge its members of any of them, to possess, control, or maintain the same; or

(2) Possess, use or distribute masks, hoods, robes, uniforms, or disguises, worn or suitable for wear by its members, or any of them; or shall equip its members or any of them, with such masks, hoods, robes, uniforms, or disguises; or shall require or urge its members, or any of them, to possess, wear, or use such masks, hoods, robes, uniforms, or disguises with the result that

the organization of worker into trade unions or the activities of trade unions is interfered with, shall be presumed to intend a violation of this Act.

Sec. 6. Short Title. This Act may be cited and designated as the Anti-Vigilante Act.

Sec. 7. Constitutionality. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Act. It is hereby declared that each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Act would have been enacted irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases are or should be declared unconstitutional.

VERY WELL, MR. OTTS, TAKE THE WITNESS STAND

November 17, 1936.

Western Worker,
121 Haight Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

In the issue of the Western Worker dated October 29, 1936, Volume 2, Number 87 on page 8 thereof in the last column

appears an article entitled "A Den Of Scab Herding Found In San Francisco". This article refers to me as a scab herder, states

that my home is used as a den of scab hiring, alleges that I will hire scabs and that I run an agency to employ scabs. Furthermore, the article states that a maritime worker called at

my home and had an interview with me with reference to being employed as a scab.

Please be advised that the statements contained in said article are libelous. Furthermore, the facts contained in said article are wholly untrue.

Demand, therefore, is made upon you for a retraction in accordance with the terms of Section 48a of the Civil Code of the State of California. Unless a satisfactory retraction and apology is made an action of Libel will be instituted against you.

Very truly yours,

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MR. WILLIAM P. OTTS, scabherder who wrote this letter to the Western Worker, certainly will not contribute to its support. The Western Worker has no intention of retracting a word it wrote about him. But we do appeal to workers to contribute to the annual drive of the Western Worker to help us expose more like him and to help the every-day struggle of the labor movement and the fight for democratic rights of the people of the West Coast. See Page 3 for further details.

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OGDEN REFUSES TO EXCUSE A SHIPOWNER AS ATTEMPT TO PACK KING JURY CONTINUES

Presentation of Evidence Soon To Start; King, and Ramsay See Encinal, Scene Of Killing, For First Time

OAKLAND.—Presentation of the framed testimony in the "ship murder" trial will apparently start next week. Friday, the tenth day of examination of prospective jurors, still saw the jury incomplete.

Selection of the jury is consuming so much time because

District Attorney Earl Warren is determined to oust all union people, and because the defense is equally determined to oust as many reactionaries as possible.

Three of the four defendants visited Encinal Terminal, Alameda, scene of the killing of George W. Alberts, with their attorneys Wednesday. The visit was a routine affair in connection with the defense.

First Time at Encinal

It was the first time Earl King, head of the Pacific Coast Marine Firemen, and Ernest G. Ramsey, former business agent for the union, had ever been near the terminal. Both were in San Francisco when Alberts was stabbed to death last March 22.

The other defendant to make the visit was Frank J. Conner, ship's delegate of the steamship Point Lobos at the time Alberts her chief engineer, was killed. George Wallace, fourth defendant, did not go.

George R. Anderson, chief defense attorney, was held in contempt of court Tuesday by Superior Judge Frank M. Ogden when the latter refused to allow a prospective juror to answer Anderson's questions.

"I filed an affidavit of bias and prejudice once before against your honor," he told Judge Ogden. "I repeat that charge—your honor is biased and prejudiced against these defendants in refusing to allow proper examination of prospective jurors."

"You are in contempt of court," the judge flashed back. "I order you to show cause at the close of this session why you should not be sentenced for contempt."

But Judge Ogden merely warned Anderson at the hearing half an hour later. The juror, Mrs. Claire Stipe, had testified, incidentally, that she once took care of Warren's children for six weeks when the district attorney's wife was sick.

Just previously, Judge Ogden had discharged Dave Anderson, Oakland banker, when the latter testified he eats lunch with members of the district attorney's staff at least twice a week.

Anxious for Packed Jury

Warren betrayed his anxiety for a packed jury by fighting to put the banker on the jury, and Judge Ogden, former deputy district attorney under Warren, at first tried to help. But vehement argument by Anderson caused the judge to change his mind.

The character of the banker selected jury panel was glaringly demonstrated when a genuine shipowner showed up, and had to be challenged by the defense.

He was C. M. Putnam who testified he owns an interest in the steam schooner Esther Johnson. Despite that fact, Judge Ogden refused to excuse Putnam.

Farmers Fight TB Test's Bad Feature

SACRAMENTO.—Federal Judge Harold Louderback has taken under advisement 20 suits attacking the cattle tuberculosis testing ordinances of Yolo and Stanislaus Counties.

The small dairy farmers do not want to put TB-infected cattle on the market, but they object to features of the law which forces them to destroy cattle with little or no compensation.

San Perita, Tex.—Aroused by disappearance of Luther Blanton, 37, and his son John, 24, while on a hunting trip in the "forbidden" game preserve on the million-acre King ranch, poor farmers last Wednesday organized a search party for the two men on this "largest ranch in the world," where 1000 cowboys and wardens maintain a virtual empire for the owner.

The disappearance was another incident which aroused the hatred of the small farmers against the wealthy ranchers who dictate political and economic life in southern Texas.

Speakers will include Princess Helga zo Lowenstein, German exile; Jean Muir, screen star; Aubrey Blair, of the Los Angeles Central Council; Mayor Edmund S. Gillette of Santa Monica; Noel Madison, in a playlet; with Prof. Ordean Rockey as chairman. No admission will be charged.

BLUFF CALLED

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Power of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee was seen when the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp. failed to carry out its threat to withhold a 10 per cent wage increase.

LOS ANGELES.—The Teamsters Union plans to go through with its blockade of non-union trucks starting Monday despite threats that police convoys will be provided the trucks.

Captain "Red" Hynes, notorious for his violations of civil liberties, announced:

"All police officials in the district have worked out plans looking to the safe travel of trucks to and from the water front in the Long Beach, Wilmington and San Pedro Areas."

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Rathborne Elected Intl. President Of Radio Men

SAN FRANCISCO.—San Francisco maritime workers will miss the untiring work of Mervyn Rathborne as secretary of the Bay Area District Council of the Maritime Federation, and as secretary of the Joint Strike Committee, but are nevertheless glad to learn of the elevation of Rathborne to the post of international president of the American Radio Telegraphers Assn.

To Be Installed in January

Rathborne was elected to the highest post in his union. Hoyt S. Haddock, retiring president, did not seek re-election.

Rathborne will be installed at the ARTA convention at Baltimore in January.

Election tabulations show that Roy S. Pyle, an international vice-president, has been elected secretary of the San Francisco local; K. C. Krolek, secretary of Portland local, and Timothy Pringle, Seattle secretary.

Spain Militia Wins Victories

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workers' militia daringly attacked and was only driven back when attacked by 20 Fascist planes.

Nazi Embassy Used By Fascists

The government in Madrid closed both Italian and German embassies, which were abandoned when these Fascist nations recognized the Spanish Fascists. The Nazi embassy was discovered to have been used as a Fascist fortress within Madrid, as a base for phantom night attacks against the people.

A quantity of arms found in embassy was confiscated, including an anti-aircraft gun, seven rifles, a bombthrower, and three cases of hand bombs. Fascist emblems were also found.

Illegal Activities

The government announced lengthy investigation showed the embassy was "sheltering refugees and storing arms and ammunition, making it necessary to terminate these illegal activities."

Fascist ships fired on a Soviet Union steamer without hitting it, and halted and searched a Latvian vessel and a Danish ship near the Gibraltar straits.

SEATTLE.—One of the great victories yet won by the American Newspaper Guild has been gained in the settlement of the three-months strike against the Hearst Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

The P-I will resume publication Monday, with the Guild members gaining a 5-day, 40-hour week, and wage increases varying from \$2.50 to \$7.50 a week.

The Guild Daily, started by the strikers, will then cease publication.

"We are the happiest gang in the world," said Richard Seller of the Guild. "We won complete recognition of the Newspaper Guild in the first signed agreement with any Hearst organization in the country."

The cases of Frank Lynch and Everhardt Armstrong, whose dismissal precipitated the strike, will remain with the National Labor Relations Board.

President Roosevelt's son-in-law, John Boettiger, has been appointed by Hearst as publisher of the P-I.

DeJonge to Speak at Herndon Rally In Jefferson Park, S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Dirk DeJonge, International Labor Defense organizer in Portland, whose conviction under Oregon's Criminal Syndicalism Act comes up before the U.S. Supreme Court on December 7th, will be guest speaker at a rally here in defense of Angelo Herndon, Negro youth leader, whose frame-up conviction is also before the Supreme Court.

The rally will be held in Jefferson Park on Sunday, November 29th, at 1:30 p.m., under I.L.D. auspices.

Herndon himself will speak here on December 8th at the Building Trades Temple under auspices of the Committee to Aid Herndon's Defense, and on December 7th at the Carpenters' Hall in Oakland.

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A Special Maritime Strike Page of News and Features

STRIKE BROADCAST NUMBER 1---- IT PRESENTS THE WEST COAST MARITIME STRIKE IN A NUTSHELL

Presented Over KGCC, Friday, Nov. 20th
As First of a Series on the
Waterfront Union Strike

- Q. When did the maritime strike begin?
A. Midnight of October 29, 1936.
- Q. How many men are out on strike?
A. Approximately forty thousand who are directly connected with the Maritime strike.
- Q. What area does this strike cover?
A. The entire Pacific Coast from Canada to Mexico.
- Q. What ports adjacent to the Pacific Coast are affected?
A. The Hawaiian ports.
- Q. What Unions are officially out on strike?
A. International Longshoremen's Association; Sailors' Union of the Pacific; Marine Cooks and Stewards; Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders and Wipers Association; Masters, Mates and Pilots, West Coast Local No. 90; Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, Pacific Coast District; American Radio Telegraphers Association.
- Q. Could the strike have been avoided?
A. Yes, the strike could have been avoided if the shippers would have been willing to guarantee to the unions certain fundamental conditions.
- Q. What were these fundamental conditions in the case of the Longshoremen?
A. Continuation of the six-hour day; maintaining of the hiring halls as handed down in the ward of 1934.
- Q. In the case of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific?
A. Retention of the present system of re-hiring; and cash overtime.
- Q. In the case of the Marine Cooks and Stewards?
A. Retention of present hiring system; and the eight-hour day within a spread of twelve.
- Q. In the case of the Marine Firemen?
A. Retention of the present hiring system; and cash overtime.
- Q. In the case of the Masters, Mates and Pilots?
A. Preference of employment; and cash overtime.
- Q. In the case of the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association?
A. Preference of employment; and adjustment in the manning scale of the Engineers.
- Q. In the case of the American Radio Telegraphers Association?
A. Strict eight hours radio watch for radio operators; and retention of hiring hall.
- Q. You have used the term "Cash Overtime." What do you mean by that?
A. Under the agreements the men received for their overtime work time off at the option of the employer. That meant that if a man worked, for example, on a trip fifteen hours overtime, that the employer could give this man time off instead of a cash payment.
- Q. Is it a general practice in industry to give time off for overtime worked instead of a cash payment for such work?
A. No. Ninety-nine per cent of industry, either unionized or non-union, always pay cash for overtime worked in excess of the regular hours.
- Q. In the case of the Cooks and Stewards, what is meant that the eight-hour day is an issue?
A. Under the present conditions the cooks and stewards are required to work ten hours within a spread of fifteen hours.
- Q. What is meant by a spread of fifteen hours?
A. That means that a man is subject to call at any time during the fifteen hours period and that he must work at least ten hours within that period.
- Q. How do these hours compare with others on board ship?
A. All other crafts have at least an eight-hour day.
- Q. Do the cooks and stewards insist on working a straight eight-hour day?
A. No. They are willing to recognize that their services may be required outside of the eight hours and, therefore, are willing to work on eight-hour day within a spread of twelve hours.
- Q. What are the generally recognized hours on shore for cooks, stewards and waiters?
A. Eight hours, and usually without any spread whatsoever.
- Q. Previously you mentioned the fact that a number of unions insist upon retaining their present hiring system and that some of the unions desire preference of employment. What do you mean by a hiring hall?
A. The unions on the waterfront in their own headquarters maintain what corresponds to an employment office for their own members.
- Q. How does this differ from the previous method of employment?
A. Prior to 1934 the men had to go down to the docks and individually seek employment.
- Q. Did this system lead to abuses?
A. Yes. It meant favorites. It means that the men frequently had to give bribes in order to obtain jobs.
- Q. Did this system give a man any security?
A. No; none whatever. A man could be rejected for a job without regard to his competency and receive no reason whatsoever from the employer. Furthermore, it meant a very unequal distribution of the work because there was no central clearing house through which employment could be obtained.
- Q. Who registers in the present hiring halls?
A. Unemployed members of the union.
- Q. When a job comes in, how is that job filled?
A. The job is offered to those men who are competent and who have been the longest unemployed.
- Q. What determines a man's competency?
A. His discharge papers.
- Q. What are those discharge papers?
A. They are a certificate of discharge issued in accordance with the rules and regulations of the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Navigation.
- Q. Have you a copy of a typical discharge paper?
A. Yes, I have. Here is one.
- Q. I see on the certificate of discharge that the ship's name is given, the port of registration, and the description of the voyage.
A. Yes, that is correct.
- Q. It also indicates the seaman's birthplace, his age, the type of work he did on board ship, and the date of his discharge?
A. That's right.

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WEST COAST



HARRY BRIDGES, outstanding West Coast maritime strike leader.

HIGH LIGHTS OF HAWAII

HONOLULU.—The ships now strikebound in Honolulu harbor are the Lurline, Diamond Head, President Hayes, Helen Whittier, Mamalele and President Pierce. The last two named ships were tied up late last week.

Latest orders from the Coast Headquarters Strike Committee in San Francisco is to clear all American Flag Oil Tankers. A message has been forwarded to Hilo to load and unload all foreign flag ships.

About one-thousand men on strike are being fed daily at the strike relief kitchen, 475 South Queen Street, at an average cost of seven cents a meal. Sixty-five men are being served at one sitting.

The strike publicity committee went on the air again over KGU. The program was sponsored by Rainier, Tacoma, Pacific and A.B.C. union brewed beers. The broadcasts will be a regular feature during the strike coming on Monday 8 to 8:15 p.m.; Wednesday 8:30 to 8:45 p.m. and Friday from 8 to 8:15 p.m. Striking unionists will explain basic issues of the present controversy and tell their side of their story to the public.

The strike recreation committee has arranged a series of baseball games and other sport events to be played between crews of different ships on strike here. Last Wednesday Firemen beat the Stewards 18-10, the Longshoremen licked the Sailors 9-6 and Friday the Firemen trounced the Stewards again 7-5.

David Grange is Chief Scabherder

NEW YORK.—Here is an affidavit which shows how in their eagerness to break the East Coast seamen's strike, shipowners and reactionary I.S.U. officials like vice-president David E. Grange care little for passengers' lives. The affidavit, in the possession of a striking seaman, says:

"I, Harry Charles Hycoen, of 487 Amsterdam Avenue, New York City, attest that the following statement is true and correct:

"I went to 61 Whitehall Street (headquarters of Grange-Ed.) and applied for a job as a seaman. I was taken from the second floor to Room 301 on the third floor. I was registered and told to see Mr. Arris of the Marine Cooks and Steward's Union.

"While I was waiting to see him, a man came into the room and handed me that attached shipping ticket which shipped me aboard the S.S. Collomar, American-France Line, as fireman. No questions were asked me as to whether I was a union man or whether I had ever been to sea before. A man was to escort me to the ship, but when I told him I know where the pier was, I was instructed to go aboard as soon as possible.

"I have never been a member of any branch of the International Seamen's Union and I have never been to sea before. My previous occupation was electrical work. My last job was with the New York Edison Company as an electrician. I have never been employed as a fireman and know nothing whatsoever about firing boilers. I was not asked as to whether I could fire. In fact the only questions that were asked me had got together and put up a name and address, 'sham suit' to secure the services of the Federal Courts as (Name signed, notarized).

The jobless electrician refused to board the ship and reported in his questioning of Ray the incident to the strikers, later Ransdell, Chief Deputy Marshal, Hall further brought out

THE STORY OF THE FAMOUS SAN PEDRO 'BANANA CASE', SHIPPERS TRIED TO GET GOVT. TO SCAB

Unions Took Determined Stand Against Such a Precedent and as a Result Judge McCormick Backed Down

LOS ANGELES.—Awkwardly backing away from his former decision, Federal Judge Paul J. McCormick of the United States District Court in Los Angeles, dismissed the infamous "banana case", Thursday, November 19th, "solely on grounds of lack of jurisdiction."

Arising from a libel possession suit instigated by Otis and McAllister, fruit brokers in San Pedro, Judge McCormick issued an order, November 7, authorizing the United States Marshal Robert P. Clark to take possession of the strike-bound steamer California and unload 4216 stems of bananas for which Otis and McAllister were the consignees.

The Pedro Situation

The situation in San Pedro, already dangerous because of the presence of an extra police force of nearly 600 men under the leadership of Captain Hynes of the Los Angeles "Red Squad," was further intensified by this order and the subsequent decision of local 38-82 of the International Longshoremen's Association to handle no perishables.

With orders from Attorney-General Cummings to "take no further action until definite notice from me," Marshal Clark went to San Pedro, conferred with union president Roy Donnelly, took a look at the steamer California and found all workers on strike, returned to Los Angeles and decided that the responsibility was too great.

In his orders from Judge McCormick, he was told to use no coercion in obtaining the necessary workers. After his trip to San Pedro, he declared that it would be impossible to obtain workers without coercion, that there was great danger of violence resulting from any such action, and that furthermore he would need a \$10,000,000 bond from Pan-Pacific Steamship Co., owners of the California, to take care of any possible damage resulting to the steamer or the wharf.

Things hung fire for a few days, and meanwhile the I.L.A. attorneys, Aaron Sapiro and John C. Packard filed a petition for intervention in the proceedings. Otis and McAllister retaliated by obtaining from Judge McCormick an order directing Marshal Clark to show cause why he had not executed the court's order.

On Monday, November 16, the court proceedings were resumed. In court were Aaron Sapiro and John C. Packard representing the I.L.A., U. S. Attorney Pierson M. Hall, counsel for the Marshal, Chalmers Graham and Albert Cluff for the consignees, and Joe Anderson for the shipowners.

Right to Intervene

Sapiro started by demanding the right to intervene. Because the United States government has gone on record in congress as authorizing collective bargaining and the right of labor to strike, Sapiro maintained that Judge McCormick must admit labor to a place in the court proceedings.

With the same discrimination that he used in his recent aid to Imperial Valley vigilantes in refusing to grant Communist election candidates protection to speak over the radio in El Centro, Judge McCormick refused Sapiro's suggestion of \$2500 for the bond that is required in all cases of intervention and set the bond at \$9500, forcing the I.L.A. attorney to ask for a continuance of his petition.

Declaring that he had had several private detective agencies apply to him to furnish men to unload the bananas, the testimony of Marshal Clark offered complete evidence of the part that hired thugs play as strikebreakers.

A "Futile Gesture"

Things began to look bad for the libelants Wednesday, November 18, when U. S. Attorney Hall summed up the entire trial as a "futile gesture" and charged collusion on the part of the libelants and the respondents.

Pointing out that the suit was in reality a "frame-up," Hall stated that "the only ones to gain by this trial are the shipowners." He implied that the could fire. In fact the only questions that were asked me had got together and put up a name and address, "sham suit" to secure the services of the Federal Courts as (Name signed, notarized).

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EAST COAST



JOE CURRAN, outstanding East and Gulf Coast seamen's strike leader.

SCABS SHIPPED FROM CHICAGO THE CHINESE COOKS SHOW THEIR SPIRIT

Contribute \$69.50 to The East, Gulf Coast Strike

NEW YORK.—A member of the Santa Paula crew relates that a meeting was held just before the Santa Paula docked off 21st St. The twenty-seven Chinese galley workers voted to dip into their wages, among the lowest on any American ship, and came out with \$69.50 for the strike fund. They wrote a letter.

A copy of the letter was tacked to the bulletin board in the strike hall at 164 Eleventh Avenue.

"We," the Chinese workers' letter began, "are so much sympathized to your striking action and are sure the Seamen's condition which can be made better only through struggling of the united front of them (the Seamen) upon the shipowners."

"We, no doubt," it continues, "the members of the same union, accordingly we can make no difference between you and us. The difference which forced to be made is that because we have contract with the company and bonds have also paid to the company for security during the term. Moreover Immigration law has also confined us from freedom."

"Under all above situation," the letter continues, "we therefore compelled to be on ship. Here enclosed the sum of \$69.50 as a spirited and material help hope you will accept it and support all Brothers of the striking members."

"Hoping you," the letter concludes, "to continue your energy and ambition and a successful victory is reached very soon, your Chinese Brother of sincerity."

Radio Men Picket Sheboygan Docks On The Lakes

SHEBOYGAN, Wisc.—Refusal by the Reiss Coal Co. steamship lines to negotiate with the union led the American Radio Telegraphists Assn. to throw a picket line around the docks at Sheboygan.

Before the court adjourned on November 18, Hall made a motion to Judge McCormick to dismiss the entire suit on grounds of collusion. The motion was denied, however.

On Thursday, November 19, John C. Packard, counsel for the I. L. A., now intervenors in the proceedings, made a motion for dismissal of the suit on the grounds of lack of jurisdiction.

Since the court was an admiralty court, he maintained, it had jurisdiction in matters only maritime. With the element of human labor in the proceedings—a matter that could not be taken lightly, since it was only because of the strike that there were any proceedings at all—Packard declared that a factor that was not maritime had entered and that Judge McCormick could not entertain any jurisdiction.

Packard's summation of the entire proceedings definitely turned the direction of the court in his favor. The arguments from the libelants and the respondent offered nothing that could refute the argument of the counsel for the I.L.A.

In his decision which was a masterpiece of understatement in regard to labor and its rights, Judge McCormick was forced to distinguish between two kinds of coercion. "There are several kinds of coercion," he declared, "there can be physical compulsion or there can be the exertion of economic pressure."

In closing, the judge said that "the proceedings will be dismissed solely for lack of jurisdiction."

MASTERS, MATES ARE ON PICKET LINE FOR FIRST TIME IN HISTORY; THEY PICKET IN SPEED BOAT

About 700 Licensed Men Are Registered For Duty, and Officers of Biggest Ships Are on the Line

SAN FRANCISCO.—Thanks to the Maritime Federation, for the first time in history, Masters, Chief Engineers and the sea-going licensed personnel are responding unanimously to a strike call.

This was revealed when a check-up on both branches of the licensed maritime unions in San Francisco showed that more than 95 per cent of them are now doing picket duty along with other members of the Federation on Frisco's waterfront.

Approximately 700 licensed deck officers, including masters, are registered for and standing their picket watches in this port. Some of the larger passenger liners, such as the President Hoover, President Coolidge and the Malolo are well represented. Coast and Bar Pilots are reported to be coming to the union hall and signing up with the union.

The National Order of Masters, Mates and Pilots, with headquarters in New York City, have made inquiries as to what assistance east coast locals can be to the strike. They have responded with financial support.

Pickets in Speed Boats

In New York more than forty members of the west coast licensed deck group have gone on strike, set up their own strike committees and are now working with the Seamen's Defense Committee.

A forty passenger speed boat, the Yerba Buena, has been chartered by the officer group in San Francisco and is employed on harbor picket patrol. All ships lying at anchor are visited, check-ups are made and whenever a man is found aboard he is persuaded to come off.

Good Discipline in East Coast Strike

NEW YORK.—Mayor La Guardia was told by Francis Mulderig, a member of the seamen's strike strategy committee, that strikebreakers with criminal records had been imported to New York.

Joseph Curran, chairman of the strike committee, sent a telegram to La Guardia to the same effect, and warned the mayor that the unions could not be held responsible for outbreaks which would be provoked by the thugs.

The strike committee set up a committee of about 30 strikers, each man wearing an identifying arm-band, to serve as a provost guard on the waterfront. Curran asked La Guardia to keep the police impartial in the strike.

"A peaceful prosecution of this strike," said Mr. Curran, "means a lot to us. Our demands are legitimate and we want to help the police keep the drunks away and keep the waterfront peaceful."

Sharply denouncing the red-baiters, he says:

"The technique now of capitalist America is to call all its opponents Communists. This is the last straw of a dying if not a dead order. It is getting so that any individual who tries to be a man and assert his God-given rights of equality and liberty is a Communist."

Negroes Must Aid

"It's high time that the Negro worker—marine or otherwise—stop allowing themselves to be used as pawns, scabs and strikebreakers."

"Boake Carter and Lowell Thomas ridiculed the strike on the air last week and called it communistic. Why? Because they are being paid by men who own large shipping interests, especially Halsey who backs the Philco hour."

"The success of this strike, and it must be successful, depends upon Negroes supporting it to a man, not only as ship

HAWAII GETS ILA CHARTER

Hilo, Honolulu Men Jubilant

HILO, Hawaii.—The Honolulu and Hilo Longshoremen's Association have been granted affiliation with the International Longshoremen's Association of America!

Official word that charters are on the way to local island dockers was received here last Saturday night, by William Craft, district organizer for the I.L.A. The cable, signed by Joseph Ryan, president of the International Longshoremen's Association read as follows:

Longshore charters sent air mail Joseph Ryan

News of the charter grants was joyously received by members of the Hilo and Honolulu unions.

For over a year local dockers have been struggling against overwhelming odds to organize unions of their own choosing. Men have been blacklisted and fired by local shipping corporations for union activities and other militant union men have been on the blacklist ever since the organizations started.

Last May, island longshore unions sent three delegates to the West Coast Maritime convention requesting that charters be granted. The Convention unanimously agreed.

Six weeks ago, William Craft, I.L.A. organizer arrived here to survey island longshore conditions. Two weeks ago he sent his report to President Joseph Ryan, requesting that charters be granted immediately. Saturday night official word arrived that charters were on the way.

1500 Pedro Marine Strikers Get County Relief

LOS ANGELES.—With forty persons added to the office force to receive applications and investigate relief cases of maritime strikers' families, county relief administration officials estimated here that approximately 1500 families who are actual residents of San Pedro will immediately go on relief rolls.

The unions are providing food and shelter for all single, unattached and non-resident strikers, of which there are around 5000 concentrated at San Pedro.

workers, but as citizens of Harlem, we must help these men in this battle. Labor can only conquer through a union of all workers, black and white. The Negro worker can only raise his standard of living through suffering and striking with his fellows.

"(Grange) has forced segregation on the Negro members of the Union. By his express orders no Negroes are allowed in the central headquarters where the hiring is done. This is 61 Whitehall Street. Negroes are segregated at 70 Courtland St.

"By this segregation they are not able to get either the best jobs nor the same pay. For instance, the S.S. Madison of the Eastern Steamship Lines pays Negroes \$50 per month while the whites get \$65.

"Now, these are all men belonging to the same union, but David Grange not only countermands this but commands it.

"The Negro worker will be eternally buffeted, grinding away in an ever-deepening rut until he starts fighting side by side with all workers. The seamen's strike demands the fullest support of every worker, black and white."

DAVID E. GRANGE, EAST COAST I. S. U. CZAR

NEW YORK.—David E. Grange, vice-president of the I.S.U., and notorious for his anti-rank and file actions, especially in the present East Coast strike, is a Negro, but Negro trade unionists hate and despise him.

To counter his efforts to recruit Negro strikebreakers in Harlem, Rev. Clayton Powell of Abyssinian Baptist Church says of Grange (and Porters Union leaders support this statement):

"The Seamen's strike around our harbor is twofold in its emphasis. It is aimed at the intolerable working conditions, the slave-like hours and the sub-standard wages forced on them by the owners of the big shipping lines. But it is also aimed at the racketeering leadership within the present International Seamen's Union."

"The present strike is aimed at this type of leadership and has pledged and is already operating under a rule of equal rights for black workers. At strike headquarters, 164-11th Avenue, under the leadership of Smith and Boutte, both Negroes, our people are enjoying the same privileges.

"At the feeding station on

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Repeal Anti-Picketing Ordinance

ALTHOUGH the judiciary committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors had recommended it, the scheduled hearing on proposal to submit the anti-picketing ordinance to the voters next February was postponed until next Monday by the board.

There was no good reason for the postponement. The judiciary committee had acted; the workers' representatives were there, ready to speak in favor of the proposal; the issue was clear. The postponement was caused by messages from employers of labor, who declared they had "not had an opportunity to study the proposal," and who therefore wanted it stalled.

Trade unions and other labor and progressive groups should adopt and send to the Board of Supervisors resolutions calling upon it to act favorably on the proposal to place the repeal of the twenty-year-old anti-picketing ordinance on the ballot next February.

Representatives should be sent to the open hearing on Monday to present the views of organizations vitally interested in the repeal of this anti-labor ordinance. There is no doubt that the Chamber of Commerce and the various merchants' associations will have representatives present to urge its retention.

Once the repeal proposal is placed on the ballot, we are confident the people of San Francisco will act to rid themselves of this anti-labor measure. What is needed now is pressure to get it placed on the ballot.

How Green Meets the Needs For Unity

THE HYPOCRISY of William Green's many recent speeches about the crying need for unity in the organized labor movement was revealed in the action of his resolutions committee which handed down the decree of "suspended indefinitely" against the ten unions of the Committee for Industrial Organizations.

Thus Green meets the need for unity by cutting 1,000,000 members off the lists of the A.F.L.

What next?

The indefinite suspension, instead of outright expulsion, is intended to be used in an effort to make the C.I.O. unions come to terms, at the expense of the drive to organize the workers in the mass production industries into industrial unions.

Perhaps the executive council members believe that this will be more easily accomplished now that the authority of the A. F. L. convention is behind the suspension. But this was not a full A. F. L. convention. Delegates from C.I. unions were not seated. One-third of the normal voting strength of the convention was missing.

That pressure against the C.I.O. will now be increased is evident from the fact that the council has been given authority to call a special convention "to apply more drastic treatment" to the C.I.O. unions if the "truce" fails. This is a thinly veiled threat of expulsion.

Despite this action, the cause of unity in the organized labor movement is not yet lost. For the council, given power to call a special convention for more drastic punitive measures, also can be forced to call a special convention to heal the rift within the ranks of the A.F.L. This can be done on the basis of a settlement which would not in any way hamper the drive to organize the masses of unorganized workers into powerful industrial unions, made the A.F.L.

Whether this will be done or not depends on the action of local unions and central labor bodies throughout the country. It was pressure exerted by these bodies which stopped the plans of the hotheads in the A. F. L. who demanded outright expulsion of the C.I. unions. Similar pressure, increased a hundredfold, can yet heal the breach and force unity upon the splitters of the Executive Council.

Halt Fascist War Mongers

THE declaration of war by Germany and Italy against the People's Front Government of Spain—a declaration inherent in the recognition of Franco by Hitler and Mussolini—is being followed by acts of war. Franco's announcement of the blockade of Barcelona and other ports, with German and Italian cruisers and submarines hovering in the background, was followed by the torpedoing of a Spanish government cruiser by a German submarine. Merchant ships of non-Fascist countries are being stopped, searched, and interned.

And yet—in face of these arrogant moves by Germany and Italy—Eden of England continues to prate about the sanctity of the "non-intervention" pact, and Blum of France still refuses to recognize the legally established Spanish government by selling it sorely needed arms and munitions!

Hitler and Mussolini are very well aware of what is at stake in the invasion of Spain by Moors and Foreign Legionnaires, led by the Fascist Franco; they know that in Spain world democracy is defending itself against the offensive of world Fascism. This is why they have recognized Franco's paper "government."

Workers and other progressives and lovers of liberty throughout the world must act. Not Spanish democracy—but world democracy is being attacked! Pressure must be brought against democratic governments to recognize in practice and help the heroic anti-Fascist militia defending Madrid and democracy against Fascist terror.

California trade unionists, liberals and other anti-Fascists must lift their voices in unison with those of progressive elements throughout the rest of the country to protest against the recognition of Franco by the Fascist governments of Italy and Germany!

Resolutions of protest should be adopted and sent to the German and Italian Ambassadors at Washington. Protest meetings should be held, and delegations sent to the German and Italian consulates in every large California city. Such delegations have already been sent in San Francisco. Other cities should follow suit.

All San Francisco workers are urged to turn out at the Civic Center on Saturday, December 5th, at one p. m., where a large meeting is being arranged by the American League against War and Fascism, in protest against the atrocities committed by Franco's hordes against the civilian population of Madrid.

Act Now to Save Thaelmann

WITH the execution of Edgar Andre by the Nazi butchers, the life of Ernst Thaelmann, now being secretly held in an unnamed concentration camp in central Germany, is in the gravest danger.

Although Thaelmann is seriously ill due to the torture to which he was subjected in Moabit prison, he is being forced to do the most strenuous work. The Nazis are awaiting the opportunity of murdering Thaelmann by shooting him "as he attempts to escape"—the usual phrase used to cover up their murders.

The Nazis will never bring Thaelmann to trial; the trumped-up "case" against him has completely collapsed. Still he is not released.

Protests against Thaelmann's detention, demands for his release, must be intensified now if his life is to be saved.

All trade unions and other organizations are urged to pass resolutions protesting the execution of Edgar Andre, and demanding the release of Thaelmann. These should be forwarded to the German Embassy at Washington, D. C.

World-wide pressure, which has so far been successful in keeping the Nazis from carrying out their murderous plans, can yet win freedom for this courageous anti-Fascist. But no time can be lost.

LET STANDARD OIL REMEMBER THE MIGHT OF LABOR



THIS TRAGIC SCENE took place at the home of Alphonse Buyle last Monday. Buyle and John Rodgers, two of the nine Modesto frame-up victims, were sentenced in San Rafael last Tuesday for "burglary" after Standard Oil framed them as a result of the tanker strike last year. The boycott of Standard Oil of California product; must now be made doubly effective if the Modesto victims are to be freed. Buyle is bidding his wife, seriously ill, and one of his children good-bye in San Francisco.

I.L.A. Local 38-79 Gives Its Report On Labor Party

(Sent to Entire Press)

On Wednesday, October 7th, this committee was appointed by the Executive Board to make a study of the communication to the I.L.A. dated September 2nd, by Brother Francis J. Gorman, First Vice-President of the United Textile Workers of America. The communication refers to a conference of representative trade-unionists who favor a labor party, held in Washington, D.C., on August 8th and 9th last. The conference discussed steps to further a movement for a Labor Party in the trade unions, and to find ways and means to co-operate with Labor's Non-Partisan League, which had a conference in Washington on the same date. In order to be in a position to make recommendations on this communication, the committee has made efforts to look into the background of this movement and hereby presents a brief summary of its findings:

Utilizing Labor's Strength
1. At the 55th Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor, held in Atlantic City in October, 1933, Brother Gorman, representing the Textile Union delegation, presented a resolution in the name of his organization urging the convention to go on record in favor of a Labor Party, as a means of utilizing labor's strength most effectively to defeat the reactionary anti-labor forces in our country. The resolution was defeated, receiving about 5,000 votes representing a half-million membership. After the convention, Brother Gorman took the initiative in setting up a committee representing those organizations that favored a Labor Party to carry on an educational campaign in its favor in the trade unions. As a result, seventeen international unions have gone on record for a Labor Party as follows:

United Textile Workers of America
International Ladies Garment Workers Union
Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America
International Fur Workers Union
Brotherhood of Sleeping-Car Porters
International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers
American Federation of Teachers
United Rubber Workers of America
International Union of Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers
Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Alliance
Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union
Bookbinders International Union
Flat Glass Workers Union
Jewelry Workers Union
Laundry Workers International Union
International Brotherhood of Paper Makers, Pulp and Sulphite Workers
(It is significant to note that the majority of the unions that have taken such action are affiliated with the Committee for Industrial Organization, or have supported the C.I.O. and include

some of the largest unions in the American Federation of Labor, which explains the remark of Brother Gorman that the Labor Party Movement is the political reflection of the C.I.O. There are a number of other international unions which have not taken a stand for a Labor Party, but which have many locals and district councils that have taken such a stand.

Co-operation of Labor and Progressive Forces

2. The committee also looked into the position of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party, which contrails the Minnesota State Administration, and the Wisconsin Farmer-Labor Progressive Federation, which is the trade-union wing of the LaFollette Progressive Party in Wisconsin. Both these bodies have made public statements of co-operating with all labor and progressive forces to build a national independent political movement.

The Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party called a conference in Chicago last May, of 85 labor and political leaders, which decided to support the formation of Local and State Farmer-Labor Parties and the launching of Labor Ticket.

3. The movement for independent political action by labor received a further impetus with the formation of Labor's Non-Partisan League at the initiative of John L. Lewis, and other C.I.O. leaders. Its immediate objective is to win the labor vote for the re-election of President Roosevelt, and the defeat of the Landon-Knox ticket. But it has a more far-reaching objective, which was brought out at its August conference in Washington, D.C. in the speeches of John Lewis, George Perry, Sidney Hillman and other prominent labor leaders, and in the decisions of the conference. Briefly stated, it is the following:

In order to use labor's political strength to defeat the reactionary anti-labor forces, Labor's Non-Partisan League is to remain a permanent national organization after the election, for the purpose of furthering independent political action by labor. This conference of approximately 150 trade union leaders therefore adopted a policy which had the same general purpose as those unions which favor a Labor Party, and a number of organizations in the Labor Party movement also became a part of Labor's Non-Partisan League, which elected a national executive board of leaders of 35 international unions, headed by John L. Lewis and Major Berry.

Strength Tested
In order to test its strength, Labor's Non-Partisan League formed the American Labor Party in New York State, and placed it on the New York State ballot, supporting President Roosevelt and Governor Lehman. This organization has affiliated unions representing 500,000 members in New York State, and has the endorsement of the President of the New York State Federation of Labor, George Meany, and of our International President, J. P. Ryan.

Increasing Sentiment for Independent Political Action

I.L.A. Local 38-79 had a similar idea in mind when it supported a Labor Ticket in the San Francisco municipal elections last fall, but at that time, there was not sufficient interest and support in other unions here to make it very effective. However, today we find that there is an ever-increasing sentiment for independent political action among California trade unions. As far as this committee has been able to find out, approximately 100 Local Unions in California have already gone on record for a Labor Party.

In addition, Organized Labor is taking steps which may lead to launching labor tickets in the coming municipal elections next year in Oakland, Los Angeles, and other cities. The Non-Partisan Political Federation of Labor of Alameda County, representing the Central Labor Council and Building Trades Council, has decided to call a conference in January to discuss the coming municipal elections.

Unions—Officials Make Declaration

There are approximately 35 or more local unions in San Francisco who have during the past year declared themselves in favor of a Labor Party or some form of independent political action. In addition, there are a number of prominent labor officials, including Brother Hugo Ernst, who have declared themselves similarly. A number of Local Unions and Officials who have been circled by Brother Gorman and by Labor's Non-Partisan League are interested. Brother Harry Bridges has stated that he has been commissioned by John L. Lewis to do what he can to build Labor's Non-Partisan League out here.

Stop Reaction—Build A Labor Party

The Progressive Trade Union leaders see the growth of the reactionary groups supported by the American Liberty League, William Randolph Hearst, which are determined to wipe out the trade unions of our country just as they were crushed in Germany when Hitler fascism came to power. The State Federation of Labor recognized the need for political action when it threatened to recall Governor Merriam to stop vigilante terrorism in Salinas.

Progressive trade unions cannot stand aside today from using their political as well as economic strength unless they are to suffer the consequences of such experiences as we had in the 1934 strike. Progressive trade unions cannot stand by idle while the Black Legion rides, while the employers and the politicians try to destroy the rights of American workers, while the grafters reduce the institution of government to a bribe-machine. Therefore, this committee feels that I.L.A. Local 38-79 should take steps to become a part of this great national movement which is backed by some of the most powerful trade unions in the country.

Fraternal submitted,
Ted Rankin, No. 213 (signed)
Ben Jones, No. 310 (signed)
PUBLICITY COMMITTEE
I.L.A. LOCAL 38-79
SAN FRANCISCO.

AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

The Chronicle Is Disillusioned

THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE is editorially dismayed and disillusioned "to realize that the peace of Europe now depends on the good sense and self-restraint of Josef Stalin. . . Just now he does not want war. That fact is the sole hope of not having war. . . Since the nearer danger, just now, is not economic revolution, but war, the rampaging Fascist dictators are the more immediate threat. Incongruous as it seems, we may have to trust to Stalin to save the world from being set afire by Hitler and Mussolini."

Strange words from the same editorial page that only a short time ago was hoping for a Fascist victory in Spain because "Fascism is the lesser evil." And stranger still to read from the pen of the same Chester Rowell, that has written so many learned stupidities, the following:

"For have no illusions about it. These dictators are for Fascism in Spain now and against Communism in Russia. But they are at least as hostile to democracy as they are to Communism, and have more than once said so, in plain language. Hitler and Mussolini are not going to be deposed by German or Italian Communists; still less by Russian ones."

"They may very easily meet their end by the uprising of Italian or Germany democracy. They will feel safer against that menace if they can destroy democracy in France. Having set the precedent of intrusion in Spain, France comes next. Then democracy topples, on the European continent, and Britain and America are on the defensive against the march of Fascism everywhere."

Is it possible that the editorial writers of the Chronicle are forced to admit that the peace policy of the Soviet Union is wielding a powerful influence for the defense of democracy and peace? If so, there is one conclusion they have failed to make (not that we expect it of them). That is, that America must throw its great power and influence into the scales against the Fascist menace, by collaborating with the Soviet Union and all other countries that are willing to co-operate to check the mad dogs of Fascism. That is what we Communists mean by our slogan: "Keep America out of war, by keeping war out of the world."

On Settling the Strike

We hereby offer some free advice to the Shipping Merchants' Association, which is leading the great hullabaloo to "settle the strike." If they are really sincere in their efforts, they surely know that the main obstacle in settling the strike is the refusal of Mr. T. G. Plant and the American-Hawaiian, Matson, Dollar, and Swayne & Hoyt lines to negotiate a settlement on the basis of the union hiring hall, while practically all other lines are willing to settle but are being prevented from doing so by the "Big Four" diehards, whom Harry Bridges has described as "punch drunk and blind with hatred."

THE STRIKE COULD BE SETTLED IN 24 HOURS, but for the determination of these four lines for a "showdown fight to a finish" to smash the unions on the waterfront. The maritime unions will never surrender the hard-won gains of the 1934 strike, which have given them for the first time some measure of decent working conditions. Any one who asks them to do this is advocating the program of the worst labor-hating, pro-Fascist elements in the employers' ranks.

The way to end the strike is simple: Demand that the U. S. Government stop the ship subsidies upon which these Big Four are dependent. They will sing a different tune, and be ready to settle in 24 hours.

The Workers Press

At no time as the present was it so important to bring to the people a correct analysis of the political events and developments in the labor movement in America and throughout the world. At no time was it so important to show the way to bringing about unity of labor and all progressive forces against the threatening danger of reaction, Fascism, and war; to building the American People's Front, a Farmer-Labor Party; to prepare the masses, through the fight for Democracy today, for the eventual triumph of Socialism and the abolition of hunger, war, unemployment, insecurity and all the other evil aspects of capitalist society.

The Western Worker, Daily Worker, and Sunday Worker are conducting their annual drive jointly, to guarantee their coming out and continued improvement throughout 1937. The quota for California is \$12,000.00. Not Moscow gold, Mr. Hearst, but the pennies, nickels, and dimes of workers and all foes of Fascism and war, who want to see the smokescreen of the capitalist press pierced by a powerful working-class press. Every reader of the Western Worker who contributes to our financial drive is helping to strike a powerful blow at reaction.

Studio Carpenters Give Strike \$5750 WPA Head Won't Seek More Jobs

LOS ANGELES—Five thousand dollars to the striking West Coast maritime workers!

This demonstration of solidarity with the maritime workers by the Studio Carpenters, local 946 Hollywood, brought tremendous applause from the delegates at the last meeting of the Central Labor Council here.

With a previous donation of \$750, this contribution of \$5000, which will be given to the maritime workers at the rate of \$500 a week for the next ten weeks, brings the total amount donated by the studio carpenters to \$5750.

The District Council of Carpenters also announced that they will contribute \$250 a week to the maritime workers for the duration of the strike.

Fifty dollars was donated by the Upholsterers and the delegate reported each member was to be assessed 25 cents per week for the strike fund.

LOS ANGELES — "Nothing further will be done about obtaining an additional quota for work projects in Los Angeles," said Major Dillon, W.P.A. official, here last Friday, to be Workers' Alliance of America's grievance committee of 16, with Pat Calahan, county unemployed organizer, as spokesman.

Asked why discharged women W.P.A. workers were told two months ago that there was enough money to carry them over January, Dillon curtly declared he had answered one question and that was all he would do.

The committee of 16, and the larger grievance committee of 200 women, then returned to the union hall at 121 South Broadway to prepare for further moves.

Mass protest in picket lines about the W.P.A. offices was to begin Monday, November 23rd, at 10 a. m.,

WESTERN WORKER,
121 Haight Street,
San Francisco.

I want to see the workers' press continue to live and grow. I enclose \$..... as a contribution to the combined annual drive of the Western Worker, Daily Worker and Sunday Worker.

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YOUR HEALTH

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

Cooking in Aluminum Utensils Is Not At All Harmful

DEAR DOCTOR: Does boiling meat in aluminum utensils cause injury to the health? I haven't had headaches like I used to since I have stopped using aluminum. Raw prunes give me headaches, also.

Answer—Extensive tests have been made with cooking various foods in utensils, and it has been found that very small amounts of the metal are absorbed during the cooking. However, these quantities are many times smaller than the amount of aluminum that is found in most common garden vegetables. No one was ever harmed by eating even large quantities of these vegetables. The conclusion was reached that cooking in aluminum vessels could not be at all harmful to the ordinary person.

It is possible that your headaches may have been due to a special sensitivity to certain substances, among them aluminum and raw prunes. This could only be determined by a doctor, through rubbing some of the material into a scratch on your skin. If so, you should avoid eating anything containing the offending substances.

Bad Breath May Be Cured Only By Treating Underlying Cause

DEAR DR. BISSELL: I understand that a disordered stomach is the most common cause of bad breath. Change of stomach culture is supposed to alter the conditions. Is this true?

Answer—All cases of bad breath, or "Halitosis," cannot be cured by treating a supposed disordered stomach which may not exist, any more than they can be cured by a mouth wash, as the "Listerine" ads would have us believe.

The most usual cause of foul breath is cavities, or decaying food in the teeth. Other causes may be infected tonsils, infection of the nose or throat, constipation, indigestion, or bronchial catarrh.

There is no method of changing the stomach culture in the treatment of any stomach ailment.

Readers Give Their Opinions On the Health Column

HERE ARE some excerpts in answer to my request for opinions as to the subject matter in this column. I wish to thank the readers who have taken the effort to voice their opinions. Such letters are the best medium that a workers' newspaper has to maintain contact with the masses. Let's have more of them.

"Dr. Bissell: "Can't agree with F. M.'s criticism of your column. I like it as is." The health columns of capitalist papers do not take up workers' health problems or approach them with a view of workers' ability to follow. Have been much interested in almost all of your articles, and consider them necessary. I'm interested in industrial diseases, especially those common on the West Coast; in health insurance and advice about medical aid to relief clients.

"Yours, C. M." I think the articles on general health and the newest developments in medical science are the most interesting. I like to see fakes and quacks exposed. I like to see light thrown on old taboos also. Articles on industrial diseases are helpful, but the audience is limited in each case. Unless letters are especially interesting I think your column would be more interesting if you printed only short individual answers at the end of each article you write. Comradely, E. B."

"... I agree to a certain extent ... that it is rather a shock to some of us to have 'diseased interiors' of our fellow human beings exposed to inspection. ... The issues in which you showed highly advertised patent medicines to be simple remedies, such as Alka Seltzer being a common grade of Epsom Salts, must have been of special interest to users of patent remedies. Also the issue in which you gave remedies for simple ailments, called by their common names, was also interesting. Kind regards, "Mrs. M. W."

HOLLYWOOD RESUME: Protest Can Stop the Fascist Film on Spain

By JOHN R. CHAPLIN

HOLLYWOOD—Mae West's row with Randy Hearst has been squared. The curvaceous one is now allowed back in the Hearst sheets.

Robert Montgomery has just management contract which the him. Bob has three more years to go at Metro, at \$16,000 per annum. ... Fox is trying to find a job for George Temple, Shirley's papa, so they can keep him on the lot, and far from contact with other producers who keep filling his head full of the idea that Shirley isn't making enough, and that she ought to be switched to their studios. ...

Pals of Mischa Auer, who was that sensational gorilla man in "My Man Godfrey," rib him by asking if it's true that Universal is going to star him in a film based on Darwin's theory of evolution.

Laughton and Fairbanks? Douglas Fairbanks is trying to get Charles Laughton for the star role in The Adventures of Marco Polo, first of his productions in conjunction with Samuel Goldwyn.

Among recent doings of the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League for the Defense of American Democracy have been two presentations of "Church, Kitchen and Children," new 1-act play by Irwin Shaw; the first time it was read by Florence Eldridge and Fredric March, the second time by Kay Johnson and John Deering. It is the story of a Jewish doctor and his Aryan nurse, separated by Hitler racial regulations.

Job Action Three extra girls, working in "College Holiday," on location at Santa Barbara, threatened to strike unless a group of society

'Der Kampf,' Film In L.A., Shows Dimitroff's Trial

LOS ANGELES — "Der Kampf" (The Struggle), which opens its Western premiere engagement Friday matinee, November 27, at the Grand International Theater, 730 South Grand Avenue, is a screen contribution to the already voluminous literature about the Reichstag fire and the Leipzig trial.

Thousands of columns of newspapers throughout the world told of the success of the Nazi swindle on the German people in attributing the firing of the Reichstag to Communists plotting an insurrection and thus helping to frighten the electorate into voting the National Socialists into power.

The Leipzig trial at which George Dimitroff hurled back at his prosecutors the charge that they themselves had set the Reichstag fire, and his acquittal of arson, showed to the world the Nazis' guilt and the emptiness of their accusations.

"Der Kampf" depicts the actual events leading up to the Reichstag fire and shows Dimitroff in the Leipzig court unmasking the witnesses against him and asserting that his life and deeds showed him to be no terrorist, but a militant fighter for the working class. An actual scene shows the late Henri Barbusse, famous French author, exhorting a French gathering to help free Dimitroff.

"Der Kampf" was made in the Soviet Union by German exiles from the Hitler terror. The dialogue is in German and is fully translated by English titles. Selected short subjects will also be shown on the same program.

Reading Material

THE COMMUNIST, November, 95pp., 20c.

There is an article of particular importance to the millions of workers today now current in the magazine: William Z. Foster began in the October Communist an article entitled: The Crisis in the Socialist Party. No Party member should miss these articles. The rise and fall of the Socialist Party in the U.S. is so plainly written and explained by Comrade Foster as to make wide spread discussion of these articles necessary. Don't forget—the October, November and December COMMUNIST for these articles.

AD READING MATERIAL—Books, pamphlets and magazines mentioned in this column can be purchased at the following bookstores and distribution centers:

LOS ANGELES: 230 S. Spring St.; 321 W. Second St.; 2411 1/2 Brooklyn Ave.

SACRAMENTO: 1024 Sixth St.

SAN DIEGO: 635 E. St.

SAN FRANCISCO: 170 Golden Gate Ave.; 121 Haight St.; 1809 O'Farrell St.

SAN PEDRO: 244 W. Sixth St.

SAN BARBARA: 208 W. Canon Perdido.

Public Interest

Who cares about the Workers' wrongs When working (?) folks are quiet?

But when the Workers cease to serve Behold with impartial nerve The Hearst Press hastens to observe

"Alas!" the Workers riot!" —Robert Whitaker.

Picture Secretariat Association has also been started. Feeling is that the competition of the two will lead to speedy showdown and unification of the field. ...

Films At A Glance PIGSKIN PARADE: Nice little number about football with songs, gags and a slight touch of plot.

COME AND GET IT: Logging scenes have some of the most beautiful shots of moviedom imbedded in a weak plot about a man (Edward Arnold) who discovers love is better than riches, but is too old to do anything about it.

THEODORA GOES WILD: Amusing, somewhat incredible story of innocent New England girl who writes a wicked novel and tries to live up to it. Irene Dunne shows her talent in two opposite roles.

THE FLYING HOSTESS: Publicity story about valor and self-sacrifice on the part of the sky gals, with plenty big plug for TWA.

THE SIEGE OF THE ALCAZAR: Not produced yet, and won't be, a flash from Hollywood says, if protests continue. Glorification of Spanish Fascists who think ballots are just scraps of paper. Let Darryl Zanuck at 20th Century-Fox in Hollywood hear from you.

ANNIVERSARY New Year's Eve is the fifth anniversary of the Western Worker. Arrange a party to celebrate and support the financial drive.

Support Western Worker Financial Drive!

Foe of Organized Labor Threatens To File a Lawsuit

(See Letter on Page Two)

ANOTHER good reason for expecting the workers to respond to the annual financial drive of the Western Worker, Daily Worker and Sunday Worker!

The Western Worker has made many friends among the workers and other democratic forces opposed to Fascism. But it has made some enemies too. Any workers' paper would be proud to have such enemies.

William J. Otts is one who wouldn't contribute to the Western Worker, why?

Mr. Otts was discovered as one of those doing his best to damage the maritime strike, telling a maritime worker who called at his house that he was lining up a bunch of "men whom we can trust and who have plenty of guts" and boasting of the men he had put to work at one of the Oakland drydocks during a strike there last year. He also identified himself as secretary of the California Detective Association.

Prefer the Dark Men who engage in such activities, however, do not like the public to know about it. When the Western Worker presented the facts Mr. Otts wrote the letter reproduced on Page 2 of this issue, threatening suit under the libel laws.

Mr. Otts can go ahead and sue. We would be glad to put him on the witness stand. Maritime workers especially would be glad to hear what he and our witnesses have to say.

Mr. Otts' letter to us is a real recommendation. We know that the stronger we defend labor's rights the more certain we are to incur the enmity of those who serve the interest of the employers against organized labor.

A Threat Mr. Otts' letter is also a threat. It is a voice of reaction and of growing Fascist tendencies, threatening to strike at the Western Worker or any newspaper which fearlessly prints information vital to the trade union movement.

The answer to Mr. Otts must be made by increased support for the Western Worker. Contribute to the annual drive as an answer to all that Mr. Otts' activities represent. Support the Western Worker, Daily Worker and Sunday Worker as the foremost fighters for the rights of labor and all democratic rights of the American people.

Let your answer to Mr. Otts be written by a contribution in the drive, using the coupon on Page 4.

HIGHLY PAID, BUT STILL WORKERS Screen Actress Tells Why Organize

LOS ANGELES—Sponsored by the Inter-Professional Association, a symposium was held here November 20 in the auditorium of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce in which several prominent writers and actors declared the need for organization in their professions to be equal to that of labor.

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Declaring that it is difficult to make the actor believe "that he is only a middle-class stooge squeezed from above by the economic royalists and from below by the economic realists, David Grotzkowsky, editor, said that not only actors, but doctors, nurses, writers, stenographers, lawyers, telephone operators, teachers are coming to realize their future security rests in organization.

Jean Muir, screen actress, speaking in place of Fred Keating for the Screen Actors' Guild, said that "since the economic relationship of an actor to his employer is exactly the same as the relationship of a steel worker to his employer, actors are just as much laborers as the workers in the steel mills of Pittsburgh.

"True, their conditions of employment are different. We work

under hot lights; steel workers toil in front of blazing furnaces. We work 16 hours a day, steel workers eight. We have an economic life of about five years, steel workers about 40. We who are under contract are virtual slaves to our employer 'owners,' while steel workers can do as much as they please outside the factory," said Miss Muir to emphasize her point that both laborers in the sense that both contribute to the creation of a product which someone else sells for a profit.

Other prominent speakers who brought out the problems of their particular professions were J. W. Gillette, head of the Musicians' Union in Los Angeles; Arthur Greenleigh, of the social welfare workers of Los Angeles; and Frank Scully, magazine writer and motion picture scenarist.

SAWDUST CAESAR PUTS ON A SHOW



MUSSOLINI, LIKE ALL Fascist dictators, provides more circuses than bread to the people of Italy. He is shown bellowing words of war threats on the 14th anniversary of his march (by de luxe parlor car) on Rome. A delegation of German Nazis flank him on the right. With them he is plotting war.

60 Contributors To New Masses 25th Anniversary

The 25th anniversary of "New Masses" will be marked by the publication of an anniversary issue to appear on the stands December 10. Sixty contributors, including many leading American writers and artists, are represented in the anniversary number.

Other prominent individuals in the nation's literary life or in the liberal and radical movement have sent greetings to the magazine. The special issue will be of 64 pages, double the normal size, and will be printed in an edition of 100,000 copies, the largest in its history.

History Told

The weekly was started as the "Masses" in 1911 and was suspended for opposing America's entry into the World War. It appeared after the war as the "Liberator" out of which grew the present "New Masses." Circulated at first among a limited group, the publication now claims a nation-wide circulation, especially among workers in the arts, education and allied fields. The editorial staff, reorganized recently, is headed by Joseph Freeman. Bruce Minton is the editor of the ambitious anniversary issue.

Contributors of articles or stories in the special issues include: Theodore Dreiser, Sherwood Anderson, John Dos Passos, Upton Sinclair, Michael Gold, John Howard Lawson, Granville Hicks, Albert Maltz, Vincent Sheean, Agnes Smedley, Fielding Burke, Rex Stout, Albert Halper, Robert Forsythe, Joseph Freeman, Scott Nearing, Earl Browder.

Poets Contribute

Among the poets in the issue will be: Edna St. Vincent Millay, William Rose Benet, Louis Untermeyer, Alfred Kreymborg, Genevieve Taggard, Edna Lou Walton, Isidor Schneider, Maxwell Bodenheim, Langston Hughes, Sarah Cleghorn, Richard Wright.

Among the artists in the issue will be: Lynd Ward, Arnold Blanche, Boardman Robinson, William Gropper, Art Young, Wanda Gág, Jose Clemente Orozco, William Steig, Harry Sternberg, Maurice Becker, Louis Lozowick, Hugo Gellert, Jacob Burck, Gardner Rea, John Groth, George Pickens, Georges Schreiber, George Biddle, Aaron Sopher, Adolf Dehn.

I.W.O. Gains 3376 In Two Weeks

NEW YORK—Continuing its march towards a goal of 50,000 new members by the end of the year, the International Workers Order announced November 9th that 3,376 more new members joined in the preceding two weeks.

Added to the last previous figures this makes a total of 14,328 new policy holders who have poured into the workers' mutual sick and benefit society since the campaign began a little over two months ago.

Max Bedacht, General Secretary of the I.W.O. wrote in the current issue of the New Order, official I.W.O. organ, that the "splendid response of the members to our call to build our Order to 150,000 by January 1st makes success almost a certainty."

Dramatist, Far From Dead, Helps Spain Peoples Front

VALENCIA — The eminent Spaniards alleged by the rebel press agency to have been put to death by the supporters of the Republic seem all to have the cat's gift of nine lives. The latest of such lamented victims to turn up safe and sound is the famous dramatist and Nobel prize winner, Juanito Benavente. Quite unconscious that he had been cruelly murdered by the People's Front government, he is now rehearsing a play of his own here in Valencia, which is to be produced as a benefit for the widows and orphans of those who have given their lives on the battle field in defense of the Spanish Republic.

Appeal to the President

By the Liberty League Chorus Oh, Mr. President! Protect the mail! Protect the grafts that for the moment fall! Mayors and business-men are on your tail! Why think of labor? Hark! how the high-brows and their hirelings wail. "The Communists—the Communists prevail!" Turn out the troops! down with the Union Scale! You're the "Good Neighbor." —Robert Whitaker.

SEEING RED

BY MICHAEL QUIN

THE RUBAIYAT OF FUTURE STRUGGLE (Apologies to Edward Fitzgerald and Omar Khayyam.) FIFTH INSTALLMENT

43 A parasite—a jowly, perfumed brute; Creating nothing; claiming all as loot. You cook the best for him; you make his bed; 'Twas you who shined his shoes and pressed his suit.

44 He sits behind his desk and rings a bell, Orders the world around with shout and yell; If government officials rouse his ire, He calls them on the phone and gives them Hell.

45 His hired lobbies pace the marble floors Of all the governmental corridors, To buttonhole, persuade, instruct or bribe Ambitious Congressmen or Senators.

46 For in and out, above, about, below, His golden threads control the puppet show; His fat voice squeaks behind the scenes the while His fingers move the actors to and fro.

47 And if you sow the wheat and reap the grain And find that only chaff and dust remain For your poor share of this uneven scheme, Think clearly—who is stealing all the gain?

48 If you who toil in mine and mill and plant Find when the work is done your pay is scant, Think—was your labor not done well and true? Why then must want and hunger be rampant?

49 A few men own the earth. The balance sweat. A mad chaos of scheme and grab and get. Success! To make a pile! To strike it rich! To catch some trusting "sucker" in their net.

50 Buy things for one price! Sell them higher! Rope in the "suckers" and find a buyer! Drive your competitor straight to the wall, And see who can be the most eloquent liar!

51 Dog eating dog and allowing the Devil To harvest the hindmost. The businessmen revel! They all go to Church, but will tell you in private That only a sap-head could be on the level.

52 In this crude, bloody mess, beneath the sky, A cheated, troubled people live and die. Suggest some change; perhaps a fairer plan, "It's Communistic treason," they will cry.

53 Well, let them cry... Let all their thieving lot Cry out to shield their principles of rot. If you are not a Communist—well then, I fail to know the reason why you're not.

54 The way is long; the task is very great, With every step endangered by their hate. And yet, no other way—no other course Is left but to create a Workers' State.

55 Delay, put off, avoid and bide your time? Your foes are busy working overtime! Soon or late, your feet must find that road And each delay precipitates the climb.

56 Oh, take the task in hand, while yet we may, And organize our ranks against the day When capital will put aside its mask And bare its pointed teeth in sharp array.

57 We who have won the wars of all the world, Have battled every challenge ever hurled; What power of wealth can halt our certain march, When our united banner is unfurled?

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THE KING OF ENGLAND IS IN LOVE Real Story Has Finally Come Out

By STEPHEN PEACOCK

WHILE the Black Shirts store up castor oil in London, Mussolini playfully hints that Miss Britannia's rule of the waves isn't a permanent one, and the Pirate International runs amuck, the Great Minds in Merrie England are debating the momentous question.

Royalty is buzzing like flies at a horse show. The irritating factor is that the king wants to marry a female and not a military alliance—and the female has no title!

The Blue Bloods fear that such a marriage would lower the prestige of the Royal Racket and might be considered a small slam at the Counts, No-accounts, Dukes, Flukes and other royal hangarounds.

At last accounts the Ladies of the Bath were letting off steam and the Knights of the Garter were just about holding up under the strain.

The Class Struggle A number of British labor leaders, maintaining their reputation for practicality and far-sightedness, are taking a hand in the situation.

While they refuse a united front with the Communists, they have no hesitation in backing the United Front of King Edward and Mrs. Wally Simpson.

A recent dispatch quotes James Maxton, Independent Labor M. P., as summing up the situation. The dispatch reads: "James Maxton, leader of the extreme socialistic labor group in the House of Commons, asserted today that King Edward is rallying the common people of England to support him against the aristocracy in order to maintain his friendship with Mrs. Wallis Simpson—even to marry her if he desires. "Maxton told a correspondent:

"The King's dramatic appearance at Albert Hall on Armistice night, his review of the fleet and his present tour of Wales all are designed to overcome the vehement objections to a possible marriage from the ruling classes, especially their spokesman, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

"He (the King) will win." It seems that the King has become the leader of the masses in the class struggle.

Another dispatch from London quotes "an informed peer" on the gravity of the situation:

"It is giving the Cabinet more headaches than all the wars and rumors of wars in Europe. The cabinet members are discussing it every day and are rapidly getting nowhere.

"There is little doubt that at present nobody knows King Edward's intentions. Probably he will not know himself until he has fully tested the temper of the working class."

King Helps Unemployed King Edward is one man who ought to be an expert on unemployment—he has been closely associated with it all his life. His visit to the "impoverished Welsh mining districts" must therefore be deemed significant.

"How long have you been unemployed?" he asked one miner. "Eleven years," replied the man. Edward scowled. "Terrible," he said. "That's terrible."

SPANISH MILITIA INSPIRED BY "SAILORS OF KRONSTADT" FILM OF SOVIETS' DEFENSE

Communists Take Lead In Organizing the Defense of Madrid Against Fascist Armies of General Franco

MADRID—"Sailors of Kronstadt," Soviet Union film of the heroic defense of Petrograd, is being shown here to workers' militia defending Madrid against the Fascist armies.

The defense of Madrid, of world peace, is being shaped in the image of the defense of Petrograd in 1917.

Mariano Perla introduced the film in the First Regiment Barracks:

"You are about to see the heroism of the Russian people before their mortal enemies. How they fought and how they won. With Petrograd threatened, they did not retreat a single step. Today Madrid is threatened. And the historical parallel between that situation and this one must not be interrupted by any fault of ours. We must know how to resist, how to win, just as our Russian brothers, who today offer us such admirable proofs of solidarity, did."

La Pasionaria, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Spain, spoke to 5000 militia, chiefly of the Fifth Regiment, the first non-partisan, People's Army regiment created on the initiative of the C.P.

"You are going to see a Soviet film," she said. "It reflects the defense of Petrograd. You are going to see how the workers, soldiers and sailors of Russia sacrificed themselves to procure the triumph of the Revolution, to save Petrograd."

"And you will go to the front. Bear yourselves like the heroic Russian workers. Let Fascism not tramp the streets of Madrid, not draw nearer to Madrid. Are you ready to give your lives to defend our city?"

One tremendous "Si" swelled up. It rolled out after her, accompanied by Jose Diaz, secretary of the C.P., she left the theatre.

"Better to die on one's feet than to live on one's knees," La Pasionaria had told the Spanish people, and the whole world took up the slogan. "Better to die on one's feet than to live on one's knees," she told the anti-Fascist women of Spain. "Cowards who will die against the firing line," she had convinced them, "if ever the Fascists enter Madrid."

Jesus Hernandez, Communist and Minister of Education, proposed the heroic example of the toilers of Petrograd to the workers of Madrid.

If the government has provided the general apparatus for building a new morale (the War Commissariat) and a new organization, truth demands that the Communist Party be credited with providing almost the whole organization and energy for the actual mobilization of the people against the Fascist armies.

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AUTUMN IN SOVIET GEORGIA



A STUDENT at the Bakurtsakh agricultural school in the Caucasus expresses the happiness of the Soviet people.

C. P. Protests on Recognition of Spain Fascists

SAN FRANCISCO—Protesting formal recognition of Italy and Germany of the Spanish Fascists, a delegation of 30 people representing the Communist Party visited the German and Italian consulates here last Friday.

The German consulate called the police when the delegation arrived, so irate were they at being called on the criminal Nazi activities against the Spanish people.

As spokesman Lawrence Ross, editor of the Western Worker, presented a resolution demanding that recognition of the Fascist invaders in Spain be immediately withdrawn by the Italian and German governments, and that Italy and Germany at once cease sending aid to the Fascists in the form of munitions, arms, planes, tanks, or any other war materials.

The delegation included Anita Whitney, State Chairman, Communist Party; Frank Carlson, State Organizer, Young Communist League; Archie Brown, of the Scalers' Union; Dave Saunders of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, and others.

Lecturer-Writer Tells About Her Visit in Spain

LOS ANGELES—"In Spain prior to the Fascist rebellion there were only two classes, the idle wealthy and the workers."

"Of the workers, the majority of them were unemployed and they lined the streets begging for food because the right to earn a living had been denied them," said Miss Imogene Warder, lecturer and writer, just recently returned from strike-bound Spain.

Miss Warder, who went to Spain last spring to gather material for articles and lectures, had been forced to leave the latter part of August, due to the Fascist armies.

Ludwig Renn, Noted German Novelist, In Spanish Militia

MADRID.—The famous German novelist, Ludwig Renn, has enlisted in the militia of the Spanish Republic.

An artillery captain during the World War, Renn has been entrusted with an important military command.

He is the author of several famous anti-war novels, among them "War" and "After War."

Nazis Admit Anti-Soviet Agreement Made With Japan

BERLIN.—As already charged by the Soviet Union, Germany admitted last Monday that the Nazis had agreed on an anti-U.S.S.R. campaign with Japan. A Foreign Office spokesman made the announcement, after the Nazis had previously issued many denials.

The Nazis claimed there was not a written agreement between the two nations, and that therefore a "pact" did not exist "in the diplomatic sense of the word."

The Germany-Japan agreement is another step toward what both governments expect to become a robber war against the Soviet Union, the Nazis seeking the rich Ukraine and the Japanese seeking Siberia.

At the recent Nuremberg Nazi Party Congress, Hitler brazenly proclaimed his designs on Soviet territory through means of aggression.

Plan to Extend Cal. Prison-Made Goods

SACRAMENTO.—The U. S. Dept. of Labor has begun an industrialization survey of California's two penitentiaries, as requested by Governor Merriam, with the object of extending the manufacture of prison-made goods and further driving down labor conditions.

One object is to see how far the prisons could go toward making goods for use in all other state institutions. Production of shoes, clothing, canned goods, are among the commodities it is planned to force the prisoners to manufacture at practically no wage at all.

A new penitentiary is being planned for Southern California.

Workers Give Aid To Spanish People

COLOGNE, Germany.—Defying the Fascist terror, workers in Germany and Austria are secretly aiding the Spanish People's Front in its fight against Fascism.

At Aix-la-Chapelle, 70 workers were arrested for collecting funds. Half of them were reported to be disillusioned Nazi storm troopers.

At a Vienna factory, a four-hour sitdown strike, which defied police occupation, forced release of most of the 30 workers arrested for making collections of funds for the Spanish people.

ANTI-SOVIET PLOTTERS IN CONFESSIONS

Trotskyite-Nazi Gang Admitted Murder Of Workers

MOSCOW.—Cold-blooded murder of workers in the Kemerovo coal mines of Western Siberia was admitted by the group of nine Fascists and Trotskyites who were convicted before the military tribunal of the U.S.S.R. supreme court at Novosibirsk, on charges of disrupting Soviet construction.

One German subject, E. I. Stickling, an engineer, was among the nine convicted and sentenced to death. Stickling entered the mines in the guise of a specialist, but collaborated with the Trotskyites, under direction of a foreign intelligence service.

The case resembled the Moscow trial of the Trotskyite terrorists.

Caught red-handed, all the criminals confessed their guilt, except one, Lyonenko, who pleaded only partial guilt. As in the Moscow trial, the accused acted on instructions of Trotskyite terrorists with only one aim—disruption of Socialist construction in the Soviet Union and hence restoration of capitalism.

The indictment read in court shows that since 1935 the accused were active members of a counter-revolutionary group operating in the Kemerovo mines with the aim of fighting against the Soviet government by committing diversionist and wrecking acts.

Throughout 1935 and 1936, these persons committed planned crimes, directed toward disorganizing the mines, hindering the coal output, destroying the mine transport system, disrupting arrangements for safety of the mines and deliberately violating the regulations about working gassy mines.

They deliberately and systematically permitted work in galleries so gassy that workers were suffocated and explosions were caused. Owing to the criminal work of this group, two workers were suffocated by gas on December 28th, 1935.

On September 23rd, 1936, the criminals, acting on direct instructions of German Nazis, caused a gas explosion in the second section of the central mine, resulting in the death of 10 miners and severe injuries to 14 others.

The criminal work of the counter-revolutionary group was directed by the Trotskyites, Noskov, Shubin, Kurov, and also by Peshekhonov, chief engineer of the Kemerovo coal field, who was sentenced in 1928 at the time of the Shakhty wreckers.

Trotskyite Terror

Trotskyites in the group worked under direct instructions of Y. N. Drobis, one of the leaders of the secret Trotskyite organization in the West Siberian region, who have been arrested and faces trial on another charge.

The criminals consciously fulfilled instructions for their wrecking, counter-revolutionary attacks, and their diversionist and terrorist acts, as received from their leaders, from the Trotsky-Zinoviev center, from Fascist agents in service of the German general staff.

All the "basic features of the counter-revolutionary work of Trotsky and his Fascist allies are fully disclosed in the crimes of the Kemerovo Trotskyite-Fascist gang."

Hopkins Admits Big Jobless Problem

WASHINGTON.—Even though industry strikes the 1929 boom level, as he predicts for next year, W.P.A. Administrator Harry L. Hopkins stated before a U. S. conference of mayors that between 6,500,000 and 7,500,000 workers will remain jobless.

Hopkins estimated that unemployed now number between 8,000,000 and 11,000,000. The A.F.L. estimates 12,000,000 jobless.

The administrator admitted there is no accurate data on the number of jobless and that the population is increasing steadily, with workers of 40 or 45 or over being denied work in industry.

Hopkins proposed social security measures, laws against child labor, old age pensions, but did not commit himself to the extent of security to be provided and did not say anything about expansion of present inadequate social security laws.

TURN BACK NAZI ARMS
STAVANGER, Norway.—Twelve members of the crew of the Norwegian ship Rona quit at Danzig and returned to this port in protest when they found the ship carried Nazi rifles for the Spanish Fascists.

A Spanish Worker Writes Appeal To Americans

What a worker of Valencia, Spain, thinks about the fight against Fascism, the "non-intervention" pact blockading the Popular Front Government of Spain, etc., is contained in this letter dated October 27th last, written to a Spanish worker living in San Francisco:

"I guess you hear everything by the radio as to what's happening here. You can imagine the crime the nations were guilty of, when they agreed to the 'non-intervention' pact."

Crime Against Spanish People
"Fascist Germany, Italy and Portugal have been helping the biggest traitors in history. They send hundreds of fast and modern war airplanes and passenger planes to bring the Moors to Spain. They offer the Moors not only everything they can take, but also houses, land, and the daughters, wives and sisters of the workers. Everything is promised to them to satisfy their lusts, and then they are told they can do anything they want with their victims—kill them, if they like."

"They Shall Not Pass!"
"They furnish hundreds of machine guns, anti-aircraft guns, and every kind of modern war armaments; they send tanks and armored cars."

"We are fighting with old rifles that we captured from them. Thanks to some of the other countries that will help us face the responsibility of fighting against Fascism, we won't lose. Our slogan is: 'They shall not pass!'"

Fascism Means Death
"Where the Fascist go through, everybody dies; that is the only way they can get through."

"Please tell this to all the Spanish-speaking people in America, and to all American anti-Fascists. Will you please publish this letter, if you think it is convenient."

"We will thank you very much if you make a collection to give a million dollars to help us against the traitorous generals fighting against us. We wish this million could be used to buy airplanes, machine guns and rifles that we need very badly to finish these traitors off."

Will Defeat Fascists
"Be sure that as soon as we are prepared, we will defeat all the Fascists in Spain."

"If they win, they will give the Balearic Islands to Italy—they have taken possession of them; Majorca and the Canary Islands to Germany; Galicia to Portugal, and the rest of Spain to the Moors that Franco recruited. You can understand that the Fascists want to make our beautiful Spain a land without Spaniards."

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Expropriation Act On Property Soon To Be Mexican Law

MEXICO CITY.—President Lazaro Cardenas is expected to sign a law giving the government wide powers to expropriate property for public use, to strengthen Mexico's laws on agrarian property.

"At first," says the preamble to the bill, "the State could expropriate private property only for reasons of public interest—such as the necessity to build something, or to establish or operate a public service."

"The new juridical conception of property does not consider it an absolute right, but as a social function. Thus, the expropriation may be made not only because of public utility, but also for reasons of social interests, for the individual does not have the right to maintain his property non-productive, nor to cut off the founts of life, of work, or of consumption, disregarding the general welfare."

Union Aid To Spain Tops \$500,000

NEW YORK.—European and American trade unions have raised more than a half million dollars to aid the Spanish people, a letter from Walter Schevenels, secretary of the International Federation of Trade Unions, disclosed.

Writing to David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, treasurer of the American fund to aid Spain, Schevenels listed the contributions as follows:

France	\$200,000
United States	106,000
Great Britain	100,000
Sweden	28,000
Belgium	28,000
Denmark	25,000
Holland	15,000
Norway	14,000
Czechoslovakia	4,000
Total	\$520,000

Poland, Finland, Palestine and Luxembourg altogether contributed \$5000.

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LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

Edward Vandeleur, secretary of the California Federation of Labor, advanced a unique theory of politics the other day in commenting on the Merriam administration proposal for a state police department.

Because there are 47 Democrats in the forthcoming legislature, and only 33 Republicans, no anti-labor laws will be adopted by the State Legislature in 1937, said Vandeleur.

The few remaining Bourbons in business want a state police force to help them crush labor," he said. "They might have got away with it in the past, but they won't next year, because the assembly will be a liberal and progressive house and won't adopt anti-labor laws."

No word about the fact that Democrats can be and often are reactionary, not a word about the necessity of organizing all possible pressure labor can muster, in order to put over a real pro-labor program and defeat all anti-labor bills in the legislature.

It's Really Touching...

Truly, Brother Vandeleur's faith in the integrity of all Democratic politicians is touching—not to say naive.

Certainly there will be a strong progressive bloc in the next State Assembly, including such men as Paul A. Richie, John Pelletier, and other Epics, and some more or less progressive and pro-labor Democrats.

But there will also be some Democratic assemblymen at Sacramento who are outright reactionary and anti-labor—and at least one Fascist.

From the 69th Assembly District, for example, one Fred P. Glick was elected as a Democrat—with the endorsement of such "democratic" organizations as the Friends of New Germany (Nazis).

Many Democrats in the Assembly will also be in the position taken by President Roosevelt—surrendering to the reactionaries when they feel sure of labor's support.

Pro-Labor Laws Needed...

"There ought to be a law against that," is a remark familiar to all Americans.

There are a lot of things in California that need to be remedied by law, for the best interests of organized labor.

For example, labor needs a law against vigilantism, a law against use of stoopidgions and provocateurs to disrupt labor organizations, against all forms of sales taxes.

And labor needs a law to tax the rich who can afford to pay, instead of taxing the working people; a law to end the infamous, anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Act; a law guaranteeing trade union wages on all public and private jobs; adequate relief legislation; a minimum wage law, and many other guarantees of economic and political rights for labor.

Labor Party Best...

Of course, the best way to get such pro-labor, pro-people legislation adopted in California is through the medium of a Farmer-Labor Party, a people's front with a people's program.

Only a Farmer-Labor Party, based on the trade unions, can guarantee getting all these basic needs and demands into reality.

But the best way to organize a Farmer-Labor Party is to get all unions and other progressive organizations behind such a legislative program right now, to present a common front when the State Legislature convenes next January.

And such a united front could win many of these demands at the next State Legislature.

No Trust in Politicians...

Brother Vandeleur would have labor and other progressives sit back and contemplate upon the fact that 47 Democrats are in the State Assembly, to trust in them who "won't adopt anti-labor laws."

There's a wisecrack that is frequently seen in hash-houses that sums up the situation for labor and the progressives in a few words: "To trust is bust, to bust is hell—no trust, no bust, no hell."

If trust only is placed in these Democrats, all pro-labor bills will bust in the coming legislative session, and anti-labor bills will bust on the heads of the people. And the hell that would be forthcoming would lie in increased power for the reactionary pro-Fascist big business, that didn't abandon its drive for Hitlerism just because it didn't elect London.

There's only one thing for the people, to trust, and that is themselves and their organized power—to work with the progressives in the Legislature, giving them a pro-labor mandate to carry out, and to put pressure on those who would waver on the side of reaction.

And put that organized power

ABUSES BROUGHT IN OPEN

Alaska Cannery Fight Discrimination BOSSES PLAYED FAVORITES

By An Alaska Canner
(Continued From Previous Issues)

ALASKA—The season wore on. The necessary work that precedes an anticipated record catch was being carried out. The entire crew was engaged in turning out boxes, reforming cans, cutting wire, etc. In short, the decks were being prepared for action.

The petty antagonisms of the bosses were set aside for the time being. Or so it seemed. Things were running fairly smooth. The food was the best that could be obtained under the circumstances. The promised deer meat did arrive and relieve the monotony somewhat.

Quiet Disturbing

The men turned to, and did an average day's work, which is all that could be expected of them. A clam seemed to envelop the camp. The quietness in itself was disturbing.

Underneath this calm a struggle was constantly going on. The bosses were trying to discredit each other in the eyes of the men, in a subtle manner, catering to the men in their own pet groups, etc. This calm reminded one of an active volcano, dormant for the time being, but liable to violent eruptions, at any moment disturbing the calm and spoiling the chances of unity among the men.

The rank and file was proceeding with caution, on the "qui vive" as it were. We weren't going to be caught unawares. We knew that something was wrong somewhere but could not make out just what it was. We were soon to find out.

Abuses Brought In Open

At last the preparatory work was brought to a close. The men were placed at the tasks that they were to carry out during the fishing season. Here is where the abuses were once more brought out in the open. Men who by virtue of having been to Alaska in the past, were placed in the key positions. These key positions were paid extra wages in the form of bonuses.

That is all well and good. There is some justice to the seniority rule to an extent. This is not true where a man is given a job that he is not capable of carrying out. Besides this, there were a number of men favorites of the bosses, who although they had never been to Alaska before, were given these jobs, with the foremen vouching as to their previous experience.

In one instance, a boss gave his son, who had never been to Alaska before, the job of relief man. It carried the highest bonus money, and it also exploded the contention of these same bosses that experience was necessary. So you see, this bonus money was being used as a club over the heads of some of the workers, to keep them in line, and at the same time it was a means of discriminating against others. It divided the camp into two groups.

Up till this time the men who had been stacking cans were under the impression that they would continue in this capacity during the fishing season. There is a difference in the handling of empty and full cans, but it is not such as to justify removing these men to make room for others, because prior to the canning season the job does not carry a bonus. During the canning season there is a bonus of \$35 attached.

When these men were to be replaced by favorites, there naturally was a howl. The bosses countered that it required experienced men. At a meeting I spoke in behalf of these men. My argument was to the effect that if the new men were to be deprived of the right to take over a certain percentage of these bonus jobs, they would in the following years be classed as new men, that they would never be classed as experienced men (so-called) if they did not avail themselves of a percentage of these bonus jobs.

I argued on the basis of the percentage of new men introduced into the union. This figure was 75 per cent old and 25 per cent new men. Taking these figures, if there were four bonus jobs, the old men could claim three and the new men one. In this way, new men would be absorbed into the classification of old timers.

In all of this argument, my position was made clear by stating at the beginning that I was not speaking in my own behalf. Before having finished, I was deprived of the floor.

(To Be Continued.)

ANTI-LYNCHING BILLS

WASHINGTON—At least 224 members in the new Congress have indicated that they will support federal anti-lynching legislation.

Into the form of a solid, well-knit Farmer-Labor Party in California.

More Than 700 At Workers' Press Concert In L.A.

LOS ANGELES.—More than 700 gathered at the T.V.G. Hall here November 22nd for the Workers' Press Concert, initial affair in the drive to raise Los Angeles' quota of \$5000 for maintenance of the Western Worker and Daily Worker.

Entertainment was by the Freiheit Mandolin Orchestra and Calmon Lubowsky, violinist. Betty Gannett, California State Educational Director of the Communist Party, analyzed the corrupt Hearst press, calling attention to its distortion and suppression of socially important news.

"In our struggles for the immediate needs of the workers, in our fight against war and fascism, for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party, we must go forward to build our workers' press, our Western Worker, Daily Worker and Sunday Worker, into a powerful organ of the working class," she said.

Responding to a collection speech given by John Storm, writer and actor, \$166 were donated.

Other entertainment was Langston Hughes' famous dramatic poem given by Georgia Hatfield, and a selection of dances by a Lester Horton group.

"Educating" Kids For Future War

SAN DIEGO—Speaking at a recent meeting of the Parent-Teacher Associations here, John Reid, principal of the grammar school, acquainted the audience with the reason and the role of the American Legion played in the creation of American Education Week now being observed.

Said Mr. Reid: "During the world war it was observed that many soldiers in the trenches and elsewhere were unable to carry out orders given them because of the lack of education. We therefore decided when we returned home to remedy that fault, and I am happy to belong to one of the organizations that sponsors American Education Week."

One wonders if that is the best reason Mr. Reid can cite for the formation of such an educational project.

Council President Tells Why Labor Opposes Fascism

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN JOSE—Answering a protest of a reactionary delegate from the Barbers' Union, President Earl Moorehead of the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council gave a talk on the record of Fascism in breaking up labor unions.

He also showed that the vigilante activities in California and other acts of repression are all moving in the direction of establishing Fascism in this country. The Barbers' delegate had protested the subject coming before the council at the time when action was being taken in answer to the formation of a vigilante committee. The delegate got a rebuke from the council as a whole when it gave Moorehead a huge applause for his talk.

C.P. Candidate Polls
273 Votes In 9th
Congressional Dist.

Carl B. Patterson, Communist candidate for Congress in the 9th District in the November 3rd elections, polled 273 votes up to November 19th in Kings, Fresno, Madera, Merced and Stanislaus counties, according to incomplete tabulations.

Total votes cast for Earl Browder in California amounted to 9526, with 133 votes cast in Fresno County, 22 in Madera County, and 30 in Merced County. Stanislaus County had previously reported 78 votes for the Communist presidential candidate, but no report on Browder's vote had been made from Kings County.

FARMER-LABOR PARTY IN U. S. "INEVITABLE"

Minnesota's Senator
Lundeen Offers
Assistance

MINNEAPOLIS.—Establishment of a national Farmer-Labor Party is "inevitable," declared Ernest Lundeen, U.S. Senator-elect from Minnesota on the Farmer-Labor ticket.

Lundeen, whose great wave of Farmer-Labor votes swamped his reactionary Republican opponent, offered his assistance to all groups endeavoring to "consolidate progressive forces into a national Farmer-Labor Party."

"I want the progressives and liberals of America to know that I volunteer my services to consolidate the progressive forces into a national Farmer-Labor Party," he said.

"The firm foundations of a great national labor party are already laid."

"Labor organizations, farm co-operatives and their affiliated groups are joining together in a great political alliance. The North Star state (Minnesota) points the way. A national Farmer-Labor Party is inevitable."

FARM WOMAN WINS PRIZE FOR STORY

Walter Winchell would say it: "Orchids to Marg, Waegell, of Elk Grove, California."

The Western Worker says it this way:

"To a devoted correspondent, for her writing of the fight of the poor farmers against short weights being given them by poultry and livestock buyers, goes as reward a copy of John Strachey's 'The Coming Struggle for Power.'"

This is not the first excellent story to come from this correspondent, and beyond a shadow of a doubt will not be the last. The prize-winning story appeared in the Western Worker dated Monday, November 23rd.

More Prizes To Come!
And there are more books, yet to come for prize-winning stories by our worker correspondents. Next prize will be "Political Economy" by Leontiev, a book all of you would like to own, and will be awarded on the basis of stories appearing in this issue and the next issue.

For the following week, the prize will be "The Death Ship: The Story of an American Sailor," by B. Traven. This prize ought to bring us some hot copy from the waterfront picket lines.

And don't forget, when you write up the story from your farm, factory, dock, ship, or neighborhood—the best audience for your story is to be found among your fellow workers or neighbors.

So, send in with your story an order for a bundle of the Western Worker containing your story. Bundle rates are low—only 2½ cents per copy, money order in advance.

Let's hear from you my friends!

Fitts Got Bargain at This Price

LOS ANGELES—Something in the way of humor was provided here last week when District Attorney Buron Fitts swore in his official expense sheet, filed with the county recorder, that his million-dollar election campaign cost exactly \$1225.14, with \$115.14 of this out of his own pocket.

At the same time, he filed a disclaimer of responsibility for any and all expenditures for his re-election made by persons unknown to him.

By some mysterious trick of coincidence, gambling houses, bookmaking joints and houses of prostitution are running wide open in every section of the city and no doubt Fitts has disclaimed responsibility for this, also.

Strike Threat Brings Gain to Jewellers

LOS ANGELES—100 per cent organization of the Jewelry Workers' Union won for its members here this week a wage rise of from 15 to 25 cents an hour.

During prolonged negotiations employers had attempted to give promise in place of wage, but the threat of a general strike in the jewelry trades finally brought them to understand that granting the workers' demands would be less expensive.

DEMOCRACY'S GUNS TURN 'EM BACK



DEMOCRACY'S DEFENDERS in Spain have held the Fascists off at Madrid's gates. These auto trucks, loaded with supplies for Fascist General Franco didn't get any further after Loyalist guns began sweeping the highway. The people of Madrid rallied the scores of thousands to turn back the armies of Fascism, backed by arms and other aid of Fascist Germany and Italy.

Union Recreation Center Nines Win One, Lose One In Games Played Over Last Week-End

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—The two Union Recreation Center baseball teams came out of the fog last Sunday, November 22nd, with one game to the good and one unexpected loss. The Class "A" No. 1 team lost a hard-played game to a supposed pushover team, the Simon Mattress Club—U. R. C., 2; Simon Mattress, 3.

The dumping was due to some smart double plays of the S. M. players and bad breaks for the U. R. C. team. This makes the first big defeat to the strong U. R. C. No. 1 team, which is close to the front of the league. The average at the present time is won five, tied one, lost one.

They have all the chances in the world to take first place if they "dump" (waterfrontly speaking) the rest of the teams from now on. The best clubs are coming up, and the U. R. C. boys are good enough to take the lead from them.

The slugging of the day was Cardinale, U. R. C. second baseman, who hit two for four times at bat.

Next game is U. R. C. No. 1 vs. Golden Gate Aerle Eagles No. 61, at Bryant Street Park, corner of Sixth and Bryant Streets, on Sunday, November 29th, 10 a. m.

U. R. C. 4; Gilmore Florists 3

This U. R. C. team, which was at the tail end at the closing inning took the ball game away from the Gilmore Florists through a fine exhibition of team work, piloted by the new manager, Gus Goliva.

In the ninth, the U. R. C. was up at bat with the score in favor of the flower boys, 3-2. The first batter up gets on the first bag. Gus held a short confab with the next batter and then there were two men on. The third batter, Moberge, U. R. C. star catcher, took the signal from the new manager and cracked a clean hit to center-field, resulting in the winning run.

"Pop" Payne, who looks after both teams, has his hands full with the Class "A" team, so Gus Goliva, a real rank and filer and old-time ball player, from the stevedore I.L.A. Local 38-79, was called on to help out. Gus likes team work (just like a stevedore) and the same from the players should get the whole team places.

The next game, Sunday, November 29th, 10 a. m., will be at Ocean View Park—Diamond No. 2—U. R. C. vs. San Francisco Boys Club (Lions).

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ORGAN OF STANISLAUS COUNTY LABOR COUNCIL AND FARMERS URGES FARMER-LABOR PARTY

Editorial Declares U.S. People Showed
In Elections Their Ability To Take
Independent Political Action

MODESTO—The Farmer-Labor News, published here as the official organ of the Central Labor Council of Stanislaus County and of the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union of America, Stanislaus County Branch, came out in an editorial in its issue of Thursday, November 19th, for

"For the same reason that Roosevelt was overwhelmingly elected, in face of the fact that powerful interests did not want him, it follows that if the majority of the American people now resolve that they want to launch a new third party, that will more truly represent their interests than do either of the two old parties, they not only have the numbers but they have demonstrated in the election just held that they also have the intelligence and independence to stand together no matter how desperately the most cunning politicians may seek to divide them."

"Any third party, which would faithfully and truly represent the best interests of labor and of the farmers, would be the most worth-while political experiment, which could be made in the elections, which lie immediately ahead of us. But it would have to be a farmer-labor party in reality and not merely in name. It would have to truly represent the highest and most advanced interests of these two groups."

"Such a party is in the making and the more active a part the real workers, on the one hand and the genuine farmers on the other, actually take in forming and managing such a new third party the more faithfully will it reflect their interests."

The editorial was also published in four or five other organized labor papers in California.

Provocateurs Don't Get Very Far

INGLEWOOD—In a vicious attempt to discredit in the eyes of the public striking members of the Upholsterers' Union at the Kroehler Manufacturing Co. here, provocateurs scattered nails in the streets near the plant with the result that a few tires on scabs' automobiles were punctured.

Let this act should be too obvious, the provocateurs are then reported to have visited the home of a young scab, called him into the street and administered a half-hearted beating.

Dem. Council Hits Plot to Disbar Leo Gallagher

ARTESIA—The 69th Assembly District Council of Democratic Clubs has rushed to aid against disbarment proceedings against Leo Gallagher, and I am sending you your passed resolution herewith for publication in the Western Worker.

The 69th Assembly District Federated Democratic Clubs, having met in regular session on November 17th, 1936, passed the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED: That this Federation condemns the disbarment proceedings recently instituted against attorney Leo Gallagher of Los Angeles for the following reasons:

(1) Leo Gallagher's record as a competent lawyer and law-abiding citizen has been well established.

(2) He has been one of the most outstanding champions for the right of free speech and free assembly.

(3) He has made great personal and professional sacrifices in a life-long fight against the forces of reaction.

(4) The basis of the present attack upon Mr. Gallagher is purely political and is being fostered by the same reactionary forces which he has so long opposed.

(5) If Leo Gallagher is disbarred on the basis of the present charges it will establish a vicious precedent and place the incumbent judges above criticism. Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the California State Bar Association, Los Angeles Bar Association, Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee, Illustrated Daily News and Los Angeles Evening News.

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PRESSMENS, CLOTHING AND DRESSMAKERS UNION HEADS ARE LEADERS OF NEW PARTY

Preparing for Future Campaigns, They Set Up Committee of Seven in New York; Expect Successes

NEW YORK—A committee of seven charged with the duty of putting the American Labor Party on a permanent basis, setting up the machinery required by the Election Law and whipping county and assembly district headquarters into shape in preparation for future campaigns, will sit all this week.

SUIT AIMS TO CRACK SALINAS BLACKLISTING

Conspiracy of the Shippers-Growers Is Charged

SALINAS.—Blacklisting in Salinas was exposed by the Federal anti-trust suit brought by five Salinas lettuce workers a week ago Wednesday. In the charges before the Federal court, the Salinas Grower-Shipper Vegetable Association and more than thirty of its members are named as defendants.

How It Works
According to the plaintiff lettuce workers, a system is in use by which they were deprived of any chance to return to work at the conclusion of the recent Salinas strike. Pressure, they say, is exerted by the defendants upon all employers not to rehire 400 to 500 workers due to strike activities.

The alleged conspiracy impedes interstate commerce, according to the plaintiffs' charges, in that nine-tenths of the lettuce workers migrate regularly with the crops from Salinas to Phoenix, Arizona. A major portion of the lettuce crop is said also to move in interstate commerce.

Although a combination to cut off a labor supply has, in numerous instances, been held to violate the Sherman and Clayton anti-trust laws, this is the first case where the interstate movement of migratory workers has been used as a ground for federal jurisdiction under the statutes.

Federal District Judge A. S. St. Sure issued an order to show cause directed to the defendants. They will appear before Judge St. Sure on _____ to answer the charges made by the blacklisted workers. Aubrey Grossman and I. Richard Gladstein, 689 Mills Building, are attorneys for the five lettuce workers.

Reliable A.F.L. Men
The plaintiffs are J. B. Albert, Earl Montgomery, John S. Wiseman, John Novak, and George Foote, all of Salinas. Each of the men is known as a reliable A.F.L. man in the Salinas area.

They claim that when they obtained work without approval of the boss hiring hall, their dismissal was forced by the defendants' conspiracy. The sheds which want to put back to work their old, experienced hands regardless of the blacklist, are threatened, according to the complaint, with immediate withdrawal of bank and commercial credit, and stoppage of ice, boxes, and other necessary supplies.

An adjunct of the black list system, say the workers, is a "clearance card" rule. Clearance cards, which will be necessary in getting jobs in Imperial Valley and in Arizona, are denied to all of the active union men appearing on the blacklist.

Included in the list of defendants charged with the conspiracy in the federal court are many prominent reactionary employers in Salinas, including Hunter Johnson, E. H. Spiegel, Arthur Mann, Charles S. Brooks, L. P. Baum, F. V. Birbeck, L. E. New-

In addition to lining up the resources of the Party as a vote-getting machine, the committee will pay a great deal of attention to elaborating a program in connection with New York municipal problems and delve into the significance of the State Constitutional Convention approved by the voters.

Union Leaders Head
The committee elected by the State Executive Committee of the American Labor Party consists of Luigi Antonini (of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers), Andrew R. Armstrong (of the Pressmen), Dorothy Bellanca, Louis Hollander, Isidore Nagler (of the I.L.G.W.U.), and Alex Rose.

The committee announced, as it got down to work, that provisional committees to handle the various assembly districts would be set up in very short order after consultation with the active workers in those districts.

A strongly worded resolution thanking the thousands of election workers who contributed to the success of the Party in the last campaign was passed. Special mention was made of those thousands who could receive no formal letter of thanks from the Party because their names were not on record.

In commenting on the work to be done by this Committee on Permanent Organization, Luigi Antonini, State Chairman of the American Labor Party, said: "The American Labor Party is on the political scene of New York State to stay. We played an important part in the last election; we will play a larger part next year and in the years to come. The vote cast under the emblem of the American Labor Party is a mandate from organized trade unionists allied with the liberal and progressive forces of the state that they want their own party, know their full support behind it. The American Labor Party polled close to 300,000 votes. In a few short months of campaigning, it became the third party in the State. We are not going to waste a moment from now on. So far as we are concerned, the 1937 campaign is beginning this week. We feel confident that we will multiply our vote next year and become a dominant force in the political life of the State."

by, J. T. Bunn, Jr., and Glen Simmons. Further individual defendants named are E. M. Seifert, J. Mike Hubbard, Art Sibrana, J. G. Marinovich, T. R. Merrill, F. H. McCann, K. R. Nutting, H. B. Sears, J. A. Simmons, A. (Bud) Storm, M. Travers, M. Winkie, and Thomas G. Chung.

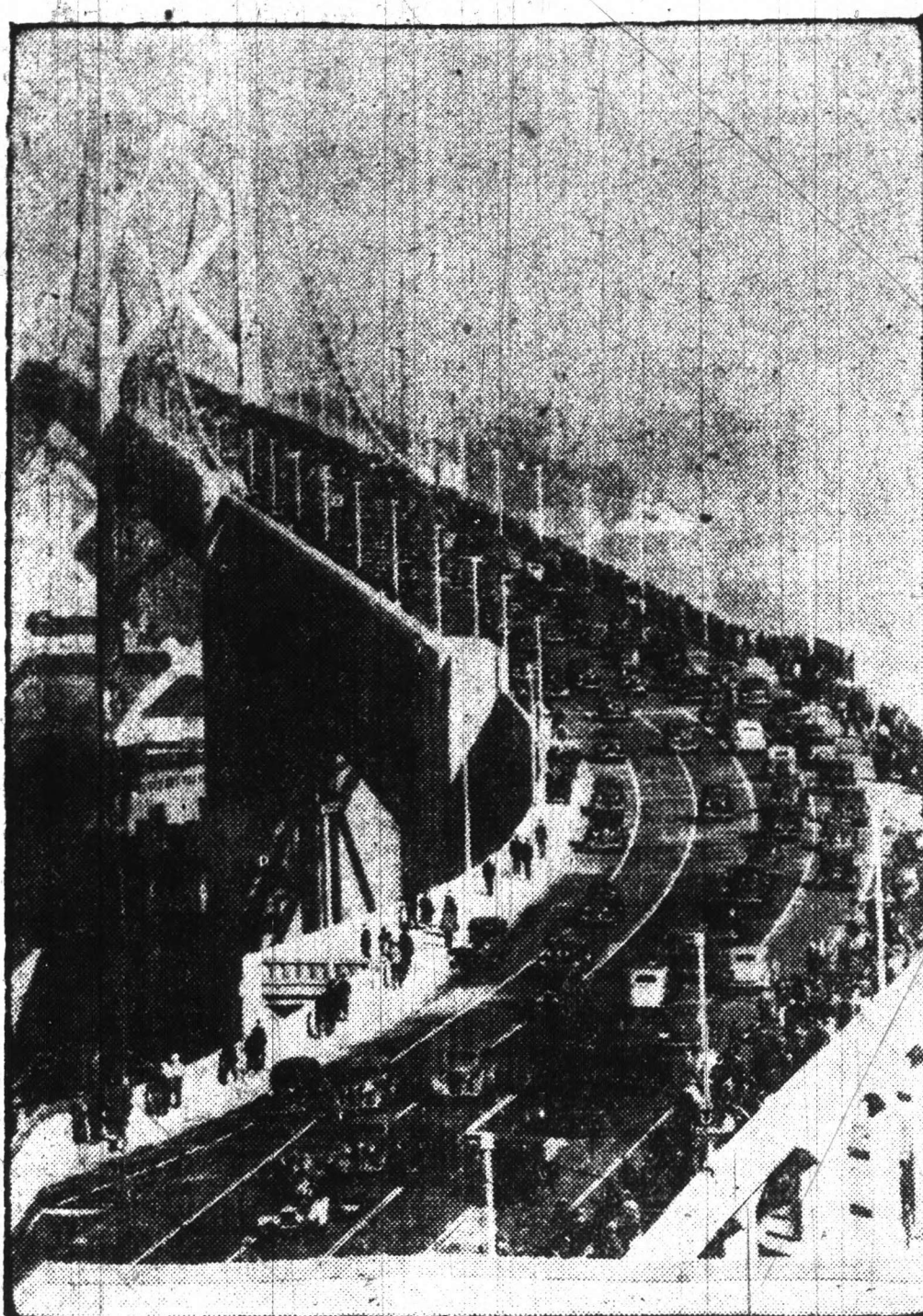
Taylor Is Notorious
Most notorious of the defendants named is Pete Taylor. According to the workers, Pete Taylor goes through the payrolls and "puts the finger" on any progressive union man. When the plaintiffs got jobs without going through the hiring hall, Taylor forced their respective bosses to fire plaintiffs. Taylor, formerly a worker and now a boss hiring hall, runs the hiring hall, which is located in the recently vacated Landon-Knox campaign headquarters in the main street of Salinas.

PLAN AUTO UNION DRIVE
DETROIT—Immediate establishment of a 40-hour week, and 8-hour day, with elimination of speedup is the goal of the organization drive planned by the C.I.O. and United Auto Workers Union.

In his discussion of the report Mr. Armstrong attributed the great growth in profits to the increased purchasing power of the American people. This is a really surprising statement on his part, in view of the fact that the California Fruit Growers have done everything in their power to keep the purchasing power of the workers in their own particular industry as low as possible.

During the last citrus workers strike the fruit growers

LABOR MADE THIS POSSIBLE



THE \$77,000,000 San Francisco-Oakland bridge carries a continuous stream of auto traffic. A tremendous achievement. Let us not forget the men who worked to build it, and let's not forget the 23 whose lives were sacrificed by the greed of contracting companies, who did not provide proper safety protection.

ANTI-UNION HOAX TRIED

El Centro "Attack" Admitted Fake

EL CENTRO.—All but heartbroken were Sheriff Ware and Police Chief Oswald here when their precious hero "survivor of a gun attack by radical labor agitators" confessed he had been a victim only in his imagination. "I shot those bullets into my own ear and then falsely reported my miraculous escape from leaden death as a business publicity stunt," said Carl Maslund when he was confronted with the 32-caliber automatic with which the faked shooting was done.

Rating well up in the ranks of stupidity with his captors, in their recent "deaf, dumb and blind" attitude to mob vigilantism against Esco Richardson, Communist speaker, Maslund told Ware and Oswald he had faked the attack in order to foment local anti-Red agitation (as if it were needed) and sell his services as director of trucking service in the event of local "labor violence."

Maslund is said to have admitted he held a similar position in the Salinas lettuce strike.

Maslund did not say why he selected El Centro, long known as a hot bed of vigilante terrorists, as the place to perform his "miraculous escape," but it is generally agreed upon that, in this at least, he used considerable discernment and that, alas, something went wrong. Perhaps El Centro vigilantes complained to police that Maslund was infringing upon their special province.

Palo Alto Has First Pickets

PALO ALTO.—The first case of picketing by organized labor in Palo Alto occurred the other day when the Building Trades Council and the Mortar Trades Alliance posted pickets in front of a new building under construction at Forest and Lincoln Avenues.

The job was declared unfair in wages and conditions. Peaceful picketing is to continue. The union scale is \$1.50 an hour for plasterers and \$1.25 for hod carriers, with a 6-hour day.

Shipowners In South Meet To Distort Issues

LOS ANGELES.—Following failure to utilize the Federal Court here as a strikebreaking agency in what became famous over night as the "banana case," anti-labor forces, embodying not only the shipowners, but the powerful gang of open-shoppers, are lining up their ranks preparing to attack by all the foul means possible the striking maritime unions.

Meeting here November 19 at a noonday session of the Foreign Trade Club, nearly a hundred shippers, commercial company executives and importers drafted plans to distort the issues of the maritime strike to the public, to exert pressure on the Police Department to increase its forces in Los Angeles Harbor and to intensify its policy of intimidation, and to obtain aid from the Department of Commerce.

A six-man committee, headed by Maurice Carasso, importer, was appointed to start a publicity campaign on radio broadcasts and in newspapers advertisements to acquaint the public with what Edgar M. Wilson, president of the Los Angeles Steamship Company, called "union abuses."

Their Arrogance
Indicating the line the publicity will follow, Wilson ridiculously attempted to place the blame for the increased cost of food on the strikers.

Apparently speaking for the shipowners, Wilson stated definitely that union demands for seamen's hiring hall will not be granted by the shipowners.

"We'll stand or fall on this decision," he concluded.

In the meanwhile, reactionary chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Rogers W. Jessup, requested Deputy County Counsel Claude H. McFadden to draw up a resolution asking both sides in the maritime strike to "arbitrate."

Excerpts from the proposed resolution released to the press indicated Jessup's interests are where they have always been—with the employers. For although lamenting the plight of the "unfortunate" position of the strikers' wives and children, he fails to set forth the actual conditions on which the shipowners would be willing to arbitrate, the conditions that would rob the maritime workers of union protection in their struggle to maintain a decent living for the wives and children Jessup feels so badly about.

THE CASE OF BILL GREEN AND MINERS

UMWA Reviews His Acts and Comes to A Decision

WASHINGTON.—The following order was adopted by the International Executive Board, United Mine Workers of America:

THE CASE OF WILLIAM GREEN

This board assumes that William Green is a member of the United Mine Workers of America. No examination of record has been made. It has no knowledge that he belongs to any other union. Through life he has accepted the protection of this Union and has sought and received its honors.

Acted Against Own Union
This Board reviews his recent acts upon complaints of members. This judicial authority is exercised under grant of power set forth in the constitution of the Union. William Green, after notice, makes reply, entering unsupported denial of four items of complaint. He cites his previous record of service as proof of innocence.

William Green's service to this Union terminated 12 years ago. For such period he has been an officer and agent of his Federation. His acts against this Union began in January this year. With his associates he branded his own Union as engaging in a reprehensible enterprise. In February, he served an ultimatum upon his own Union and received its decision. In September, with his allies, he ejected his own Union from his own Federation. At the moment he is in convention with the adversaries of his own Union.

These things are all of public knowledge. To deny them is to stultify all sources of public information.

Disloyalty
This Board attempts no appraisal of individual moral responsibility. It is conscious of its own limitations. It is also conscious of William Green's obligations to his own people and his own Union. Life in the mines is naked and elemental. Relationships are not cushioned with sophistry. This Union yields to none the right to appraise the act of a servant or the perfidy of a member. William Green wears the insignia of this Union. Let him then abide by the decision of its Convention.

If after time for consideration he elects to CEASE and DESIST from his present acts and associations, he will be made welcome by this Union in accordance with his rank and accomplishments. If he decides to continue his opposition to its policies, he must henceforth, assume the full responsibility of his disloyalty.

This order is so entered. Adopted by the International Executive Board, United Mine Workers of America, Washington, D.C., November 18, 1936.

Fake Plot Hatched By Valley Growers

EL CENTRO.—An attempt to prejudice the public against organized labor and also to pave the way for anti-labor terror is seen in the claim by Carl Naslund, notorious anti-labor figure of Imperial County, that organizers of the lettuce workers had fired on his car.

Lettuce workers in the Valley are skeptical about the alleged attack, which came at the start of the lettuce season here. Many Salinas union members are here for the season and they intend to spread unionization, but not through terror, which is used by the employers.

Sporadic Strikes In Buttonwillow

BUTTONWILLOW.—Sporadic strikes have been taking place here among the cotton pickers, due to dissatisfaction with low wages and bad conditions.

The cotton pickers have had sledding to make a living at the prevailing wages, coupled with the subnormal cotton yield. Workers are demanding \$1.25 a hundred pounds, and many small farmers have willingly paid it. Many small farmers say they would willingly pay \$1.50 a hundred pounds, but contract agreements forced on them by big ginning companies stop them.

Steel Town Licks Anti-Picket Law

TORRANCE.—Even though the Columbia Steel Corp., which is part of the giant U.S. Steel Corp., wanted an anti-picket law in this town, the Torrance City Council was forced by mass pressure to turn such a law down.

The proposed anti-picket ordinance was modeled after the vicious ordinance put through in

Salinas during the lettuce strike there. All picketing whatsoever was to have been prohibited.

Recognizing the big opposition by labor and citizens in general, some councilmen fought the proposed law on the grounds that it would be difficult to enforce it.

Filipino, White Unity in Stockton

STOCKTON.—In an effort to prevent the celery workers' strike the Shippers-Growers Association offered the workers 35 cents an hour in some of the sheds.

This strike, led by Stockton Agricultural Workers Union local 20,221 shows that there can be unity in the agricultural fields between Filipinos, Americans, Mexicans and Negroes.

All these nationalities were among the 700 who voted strike last Sunday night and all these were on the picket lines bright and early on Monday when the strike began.

Filipino and white workers are the majority in the ranks of the strikers. Unity among the various nationalities was brought out by many speakers at the strike vote meeting. The strike committee of 65 has representatives on it from every nationality.

The unity here is a kick in the teeth to the misleaders in Salinas, like Doss and Shevlin who refused to allow such unity. They said lyingly the Filipinos could not be organized and time and again they prevented the organization of the Filipinos.

The Stockton local has broken the ice by organizing the Filipinos in the A.F.L. and other locals have before them a shining example.

Speakers made it clear that the union does not intend to allow any sellout as happened in Salinas. This union is run by the rank and file.

Negroes Are For Industrial Unions

WASHINGTON.—Endorsement of the movement for industrial organization was urged upon the American Federation of Labor, in a resolution adopted by the executive committee of the National Negro Congress, meeting in Washington.

"The industrial union offers an effective solution of the problems of race discrimination in the labor movement," the Congress declares.

"The progress of labor in the United States has been hindered through discrimination by employers and workers on account of race, color, creed and nationality."

"This discrimination has been productive of low wages, long hours, poor working and living conditions, mob violence, unlawful arrests and other wanton forms of persecution of Negro workers in particular."

For End to Color Bar
Hitting out at discrimination against Negro workers in trade unions, through segregation or outright denial of membership, the Congress requested that the A. F. of L. convention "go on record for the elimination of the color clause and pledge from the constitution and rituals of all trade and industrial unions affiliated with it, and pledge to expel any union which violates the constitution of the A. F. of L. by maintaining such color bar."

It also called for local labor conferences to form committees on Negro labor for the special purpose of organizing the unorganized Negro workers, and ending discrimination.

Union Cleaning Up in L. A. Soap Plants

LOS ANGELES.—So rapid are the strides being made in organizing the soap industry that they have begun to reach from San Pedro and Wilmington to plants in Los Angeles.

The Soap and Vegetable Oil Workers Union Edible Oil Workers Union is sponsoring the organizing campaign here.

One of the largest Los Angeles soap plants is more than 85 per cent organized and others are fast falling into line, business agent Pryor says.

The new union is signing up almost 25 new members each week, it reports. It looks like 100 per cent organization in the Los Angeles soap factories soon.

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For Farm Labor International

TAMPA, Fla.—Reports already show that agricultural and cannery delegates to the National Convention of the American Federation of Labor are present from at least eight states, California, Colorado, Wyoming, Michigan, Ohio, New Jersey, Florida and Texas are expected to attend. Last year only one delegate was present.

Two state Federation of Labor Conventions besides many central labor unions have passed resolutions petitioning the National Convention for an international charter for agricultural, cannery and packinghouse workers. At the present time 40 agricultural and 22 cannery unions are affiliated to the A.F.L. The official per capita paying membership of these unions is over 7500; their unofficial membership is estimated at nearly 50,000.

In addition to the demand for the establishment of an international union, it is reported that many delegates are out to secure the support of the National Convention for national legislation on unemployment insurance, and other forms of social security. At present, agricultural workers are excluded from the Social Security Act and the Wagner Labor Disputes Act.

During the past year there has been a steady growth in the number and strength of unions in the agricultural and cannery field.

Many independent unions are reported withholding affiliation to the A.F.L. because of objections to splitting their organization into local federal unions.

Why the Celery Workers Struck

STOCKTON.—Days before 2000 celery workers struck, the Agricultural Workers' Union submitted its demand to the growers. But to no avail. The Growers-Shippers' Assn. was high-handed in its attitude.

Demands are:

1. A (10c) ten cent per hour general increase in wages for each employee.

Field Workers increased from 25c per hour to 35c per hour.

Field Workers increased from 30c per hour to 40c per hour.

Field Workers increased from 27½c per hour to 37½c per hour.

Shed Workers increased from 27½c per hour to 37½c per hour.

Shed Workers increased from 30c per hour to 40c per hour.

2. An eight-hour day constitutes a day's work, to be completed in nine hours. One hour to be allowed for lunch.

3. Time and one-half for overtime.

4. Time and one-half for any Sunday or holiday work.

5. The employer should in no way offset these general increases in wages by charging more money for meals, lodging, or by charging a fee for accommodations which were previously given free of charge.

6. Employees will be paid for all time, including going to or coming from place of employment.

7. There will be no discrimination towards employees because of strike activities or for their union affiliations.

8. Recognition of the Agricultural Workers' Union of the American Federation of Labor (as sole agents to deal in behalf of Celery Workers during any disputes between employers and employees).

9. Full recognition of the union and preferential hiring of union men.

10. This contract is to run through the remaining season of the present celery crop in the San Joaquin Valley and the entire Delta region.

BLAST BENDIX LOCKOUT

SOUTH BEND.—The lockout of 4300 Bendix Aircraft workers, answered by a sit-down strike, is called by the United Auto Workers Union as an attempt to intimidate workers before labor board elections take place.

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DAIRY FIRMS WERE ON KNEES PRETTY PRONTO

East Bay Companies Agree That There'll Be No Coercion

OAKLAND.—The Milkers and the Milk Drivers Union were so able to tie things up when the big dairy companies got kippy recently that the companies were quickly brought to terms. (Strike started after Golden State Co. coerced farmers to prevent organization of milkers).

The basis on which the important strike was called off is as follows, in the words of the agreement:

No More Coercion

"The Milkers' Union agrees with the distributors that the responsibility of organizing the milkers is the responsibility of the Milkers' Union."

"The Milkers' Union reaffirms Sections 10 and 8 of its agreement with the distributors; that is, that the union members shall not be obligated to go through picket lines in relation to a strike legally approved by Contra Costa or Alameda County Labor Councils."

"The distributors agree that in no way will they oppose, directly or indirectly, the unionization activities of the Milkers' Union. "Whenever any producer is declared unfair in accordance with the laws and rules of the Central Labor Council, as aforesaid, the distributors in contract with said producer shall be notified in writing by the Milkers' Union that, within 30 days from receipt of said notice, picket lines shall be established by said Milkers' Union, and milk wagon drivers may invoke Section 8 or 10 of their contract with the distributors."

"All members of the Milkers' Union now on strike and all members of the Milk Wagon Drivers' Union now affected shall be reemployed without discrimination of any kind, character or description."

"All men are returned to work and normal distribution and milk will be resumed at once."

Oceanside Anti-Picket Law Looms

OCEANSIDE.—Growers in this area think they have learned a lesson from Salinas, but they've learned the wrong one.

An anti-picketing ordinance similar to that adopted against the unions in the recent Salinas strike was suggested to Mayor Schmidt of Oceanside, and he says he has been "sounding out sentiment." Needless to say, he hasn't been sounding out the sentiment of the workers, the members of the unions or even of the small merchants.

He sounded out sentiment at the Oceanside council, and of growers. The latter have requested him to bring the idea of an anti-picketing law before the city trustees.

At the last meeting of the board the city attorney was told to obtain copies of anti-picket laws passed in Salinas and other cities.

Councilman Hoegerman said he doubted such an ordinance would be constitutional and Attorney Meyers mentioned the movement started in Long Beach to repeal the anti-picketing ordinance there.

Organized labor here must fight to prevent such an ordinance from being put through.

ACWA Organizes As Green Splits

WASHINGTON.—At the same time the A.F.L. convention reactionaries were declaring the Amalgamated Clothing Workers label as unfair, in a blow against the C.I.O. unions, the Amalgamated was doing the following: Moving swiftly to consolidate election gains by increasing its economic strength, the general executive board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, meeting in Washington, decided to initiate a drive for 100% organization in its industry, bringing in the 75,000 workers who still remain unorganized.

Pointing out that in the past few months the union's efforts have been concentrated on the political campaigns, President Sidney Hillman declared: "Now that we are victorious we must not be slow to capitalize on our victory."

ORANGE COUNTY GROWERS ADMIT HUGE GROWTH IN PROFITS

SANTA ANA.—A tremendous growth in the profits of the California citrus growers during the last season is revealed. At the annual meeting of the California Fruit Growers Exchange it was shown that citrus fruits brought over \$14,000,000 more this season than the last one.

Paul S. Armstrong, general manager for the exchange stated that this was an increase of 17% cash despite the fact that there was a decline of 8% in the unit of fruit sold.

In his discussion of the report Mr. Armstrong attributed the great growth in profits to the increased purchasing power of the American people. This is a really surprising statement on his part, in view of the fact that the California Fruit Growers have done everything in their power to keep the purchasing power of the workers in their own particular industry as low as possible.

During the last citrus workers strike the fruit growers

moaned that they could not possibly pay the orange pickers \$3 per day because the industry was not able to pay such wages and still show a fair profit.

They employed strike breakers and lost thousands of dollars, because inexperienced pickers pulled the stems from the fruit making it necessary to use the oranges locally or in the juice factory, as oranges with the stems pulled out spoil more quickly in transit.

Besides the tax payers

of Orange County alone had to pay \$25,000 to support the state highway patrol in one of the best hotels in town.

These figures showing the great additional profits, consequently prove once more that the demands of the workers were just demands. This winter must be spent in organizing for the coming citrus season so that the workers can get some of the greater purchasing power of the nation of which Mr. Armstrong speaks so highly.